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THE ELDER DEMPSTER LINER, ACCRA,  
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First reports on the disaster suggested  
that there were 25 persons missing, but latest  
official figures show that only eight members  
of the crew and eleven passengers are missing,  
presumed drowned.

The Admiralty states that there were no children in the ship.—  
The Accra was sunk when three days out of a British port.—Reuter.

The Accra was a motorship of 9,337 tons and she was sunk by a submarine during an attack upon a convoy on July 26.

She sank in about half an hour, going down stern first with her colours flying, one of the crew having hoisted the British ensign.

The lives were lost when a motorboat overturned in the choppy sea.

Some of the survivors were in lifeboats for hours.

A New York report states that

## MUNITIONS TRAINS EXPLODE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An explosion of several munitions trains at Miramas railway station on August 5 caused important material damage but surprisingly low casualties, a Marseille report states.

Only 25 people were injured; there were no killed.

Ambulance trains which rushed to the scene were not needed and returned empty.—Havas.

## BRITISH N.C.O.S. KILLED

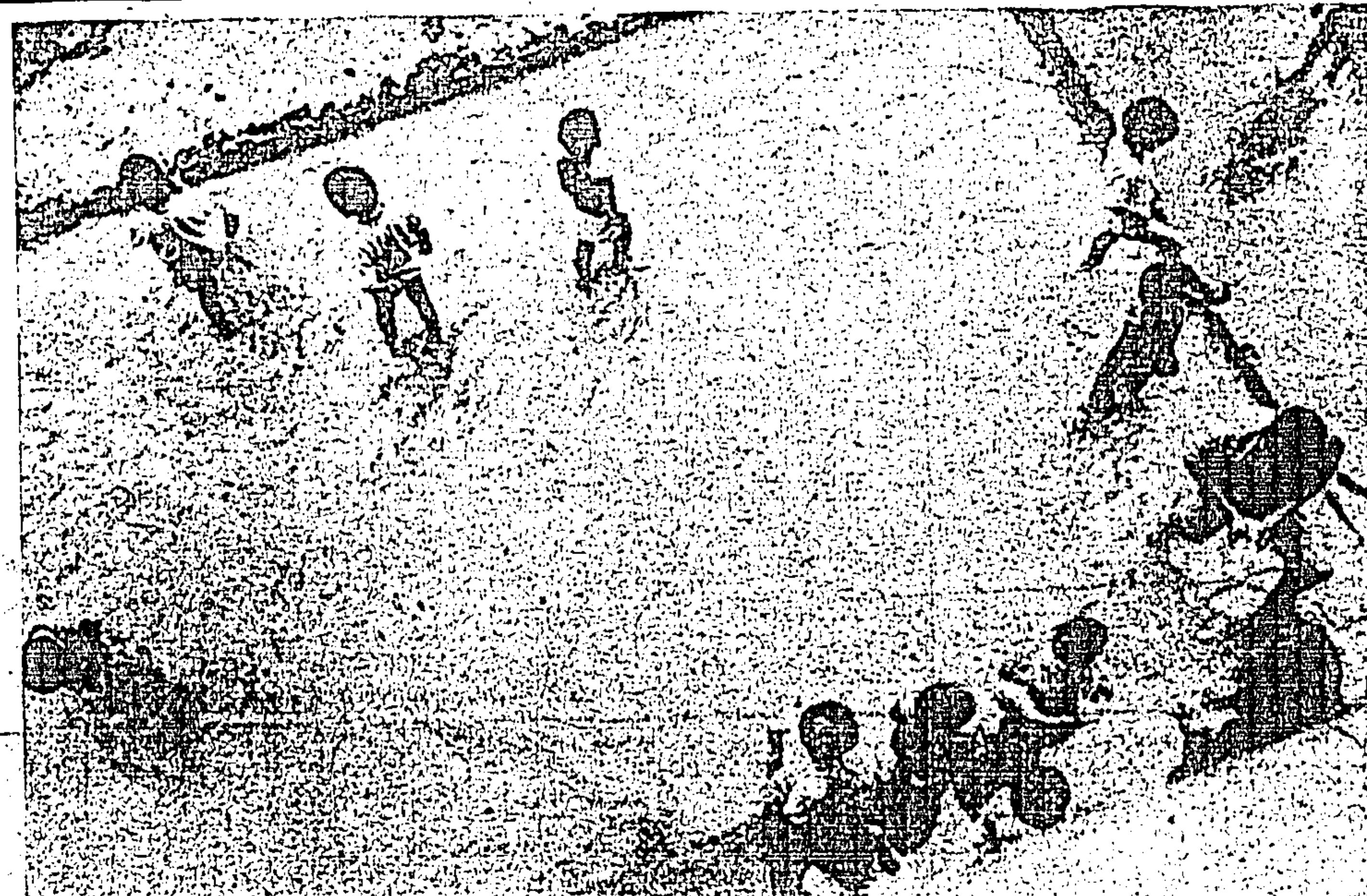
The second official casualty list of the East Africa Force issued at Nairobi yesterday contains seven names, all of them Africans recently increased with no sign of legitimate increase in work—were killed in action.—Reuter.

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## H.K. NEARS CENTURY

Another inch and a half of rain and the Colony will have reached its century for the first time since 1927.

In the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.12 inches of rain were registered at the Royal Observatory bringing the total for the year to date to 98.58 inches.

Actually, the rainfall to Au-

gust 9 is the heaviest during any similar period in the Colony's records.

It is extremely unlikely that the end of August will be reached without 100 inches being registered. On no previous occasion on record has the Colony had 100 inches of rain before the end of August.

Fair to showery is the Observatory's forecast for the next 24 hours, with fresh to moderate east and south-east winds.

## WATCH ON GREENLAND

The United States Coast Guard has intensified its patrol of the Greenland coast in case of attempts by Germany to establish air bases there, states the New York correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

The coast guard cutter Campbell, newly equipped with heavy guns and anti-aircraft guns, is already off the Greenland coast and supplied with enough food and fuel to last a year. Two more cutters are on their way.

Many German "exploratory missions" have been in Greenland, according to the Danish Governor Mr. Brun, who is now in the United States conferring with officials.—Reuter.

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# BELGIAN PLIGHT: RESPONSIBILITY HITLER'S

**THE STATEMENT** by Mr. Cudahy, U.S. Ambassador to Brussels, about the horrible famine that will overtake Europe this winter is commented on by the London "Daily Express."

Mr. Cudahy, says the paper, is an honest observer, but one must consider very carefully his hope that means will be found to send food to the Belgian people or the position this winter will be desperate.

## BELGIAN ATTITUDE DOUBTFUL

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday for information on the present whereabouts and attitude of the Belgian Government, Mr. R. A. Butler told Members that Lord Halifax was awaiting certain information.

In the meantime, he preferred not to give a detailed reply.—Reuter.

## HOME GUARD FOR U.S.A.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A SUGGESTION THAT A HOME GUARD BE FORMED IN THE UNITED STATES FROM SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE AMERICAN LEGION, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, AND SO ON, WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

This Home Guard would take the place of the National Guard if and when the latter is called up for one year's extended military training.

The Government would like to see the Home Guard established in each of the 48 states of the Union, and more particularly in the larger cities and towns.—Hayes.

## KUUSINEN GETS JOB

Otto Kuusinen, who headed the government set up by the Soviet in captured Finnish territory after the Soviet invasion, has, says Reuter's Moscow correspondent, been appointed Vice-President of the Soviet Union representing the new Karelian-Finnish Federal Republic.

The number of Vice-Presidents has been raised by decree from eleven to sixteen including the spokesmen of the new Republics, the other four being Modavia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.—Reuter.

## PARLIAMENT IN CANADA ADJOURS

The Canadian Parliament, which has been in session since May 10, has adjourned till November 6, according to a message from Ottawa.—Reuter.

It is possible, says the "Daily Express," that some Americans might blame the British blockade for this famine—but the fact is that the refugees cannot return to harvest their crops, because the Germans won't let them.

"Germany keeps the labourers from the farms and food from the Belgians," the paper goes on.

The Nazis have taken the stocks of food away to feed their own army, and any food sent to Belgium from the United States will go the same way.

"We have only one guarantee against this—a Nazi promise!"—the paper concludes.—Reuter.

### British Standpoint

EXPERTS IN LONDON CONSIDER THAT IF A FAMINE OCCURS IN GERMAN-OCCUPIED TERRITORY THIS WINTER IT WILL BE DUE SOLELY TO THE WAY THE NAZIS HAVE GRABBED ALL THE STOCKS FOR THEIR OWN USE OR THEIR INABILITY TO DISTRIBUTE THE STOCKS AMONG THE PEOPLE.

Hitler has declared that the British blockade exists only on paper, and that food supplies for Germany and the occupied territories are assured for the duration of the war.

On every side, on the other hand, there comes evidence that conditions are getting worse because of the Nazi methods of stripping the territories of their food supplies.—Reuter.

### Washington Request

The State Department in Washington has asked Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the U.S. Ambassador in London, to supply the complete text of the interview given to the Press in London by Mr. Cudahy, in which he defended King Leopold's surrender.

Mr. Sumner Welles said the interview was given without prior consultation with or the authority of the State Department.—Reuter.

### Nazi Rapacity

While authoritative London circles still maintain their previous standpoint that acute local food shortages in Europe this winter may become a distinct possibility, they assert if such a famine should occur it would inevitably be a direct consequence of the Nazi inability properly to distribute supplies of foodstuffs which they themselves always claimed to hold in reserve and that only the Nazi rapacity and inability to maintain proper communications can be blamed.

Official Nazi statements have repeatedly emphasised that huge food reserves are held by Germany and Italy and the areas under their control.

The official German wireless on June 27 stated that while the Hoover plan for the relief of Belgium, France and the Netherlands was doubtless "worthy of commendation" the German authorities themselves had already taken all the necessary steps to ensure the feeding of these peoples.

### Reichstag Speech

Among many other instances of this assertion, Hitler in his Reichstag speech on July 19 said that Nazi supplies of food were "limitless." Germany entered this war with

## CHINESE DIVISIONS MAN BORDER

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A vanguard of "dare devil" divisions consisting of some 300,000 Chinese troops are moving into positions near the French Indo-China border in Yunnan, according to reliable Chinese messages received in Kwong Chow Wan late last night.

These troops, it is said, will immediately cross the border into French territory, on confirmation of a Japanese landing in French Indo-China, and engage the invaders in a defensive action on French soil.

Heavy artillery is also moving up from the interior of Yunnan while military movements also are reported taking place near the Kwangsi-Indo-China border.

Meanwhile, more Japanese transport arrived in Tongking Bay yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

## HITLER TO GRAB TERRITORY

INDICATIONS OF HITLER'S PLANS AS REGARDS THE ABSORPTION OF ALSACE-LORRAINE AND LUXEMBURG INTO THE REICH ARE CONTAINED IN TWO DECREES ISSUED BY HIM IN BERLIN YESTERDAY WHEREBY THE ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION OF ALSACE-LORRAINE AND LUXEMBURG WILL, IN FUTURE, NO LONGER BE INDEPENDENT ON THE ARMY AUTHORITIES, BUT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE CHIEFS ACTING IMMEDIATELY UNDER HITLER.

Joseph Buerckel, Robert Wagner and Gustav Simon have been appointed Gauleiters for Lorraine, Alsace and Luxembourg, respectively.

Baldur von Schirach, Hitler Youth Leader, becomes Gauleiter in Vienna in place of Joseph Buerckel.—Reuter.

### AIR DONATION

Among gifts towards the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Ministry of Aircraft Production is £600 from Mr. Norman Biddell of Brazil.—British Wireless.

### BALLOON BARRAGE

The Secretary for Air told the Commons yesterday that the balloon barrage is being steadily extended in all parts of the country.—British Wireless.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday.—British Wireless.

a reserve supply of 7 million tons of grain which her invasion of adjacent countries, it has since been estimated, has increased to nearly 10 million tons.

Thus should famine occur

In Belgium or other occupied territory this is solely due to the inability of the Nazi machine to cope with a situation of its own making.

Though a few food ships from the United States to Marseilles, which left the port of departure before the collapse of France, have been allowed to pass the British contraband control, no general Anglo-American conversations with regard to relief supplies have been conducted nor are they in prospect.—Reuter.



Col. W. N. Tickler, son of the famous Mr. T. G. ("Plum and Apple") Tickler, whose jams were known on every battlefield of the last war, has organised a local army in the defence of Maldenhead, Berkshire. These men, trained by military instructors, are given an hour off from their work each day to enable them to undergo training for the town's defence. Photo shows a study during training. (Copyright, Fox).

## JAPANESE NATIONALS IN BRITAIN

The number of Japanese nationals registered with the police in Britain is 865 of whom 762 are males, stated Captain O. Peake, Under-Secretary for State, Home Office, in a written reply to Lieutenant-Colonel Sir T. Moore, Conservative Member of the House of Commons.—Reuter.

## TAGORE HONOURED BY OXFORD

SIR RABINDRANATH TAGORE, THE EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD INDIAN, RECEIVED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS *HONORIS CAUSA* OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY AT A SPECIAL CONVOCATION OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY HELD YESTERDAY AT SANTINIKETAN, BENGAL.

This is believed to be the first time that a special convocation has been held outside Oxford.

Sir Maurice Gayer, Chief Justice of India, represented Oxford University.

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, in Sanskrit, thanked the University "for its precious gift to him and his country." —Reuter.

## ITALIAN PROGRESS IN SOMALILAND OPERATIONS

THE ITALIAN OFFENSIVE against British Somaliland is not yet being seriously resisted, though it is being made as costly as possible.

An official communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday states:

"On August 5, an Italian column entered Zeila unopposed.

"On the same day, Hargeisa was captured by a strong force which included tanks, artillery, machine-guns and aircraft.

"Our delaying force fell back after inflicting severe casualties, including the destroying of three tanks.

"Our casualties were slight. On the morning of August 6, Owdella was occupied by the enemy with infantry, guns and armoured fighting vehicles.

"At 8 p.m., a small motorised force of the Somaliland Camel Corps harassed the enemy, themselves suffering no loss.

"In Palestino, enemy aircraft again raided Haifa. A number of bombs were dropped, nearly all of which fell harmlessly in the sea or on waste ground.

"Civilians casualties were under ten.

"The anti-aircraft defences came quickly into action and Reuter.

### 150-Mile Journey

Regarding the communiqué issued in Cairo, it was stated in authoritative quarters in London last night that Zwella, which was offered to Italy as a gift in 1935 and was refused, was undefended.

The Italians have now to get along the coast road to Berbera a distance of 150 miles.

British resistance, it is stated, will begin in the hill country behind Hargeisa and Owdella.

# ON ECONOMIC FRONT

## Mr. Greenwood Surveys Scene In Commons Speech Nothing In Outlook To-Day to Daunt Us

**THE GOVERNMENT HAS DIRECTED ITS ENERGIES SINCE ITS FORMATION TO STRENGTHENING THE SINEWS OF WAR, DECLARED MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, MEMBER OF THE WAR CABINET, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, WHEN INITIATING A DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC ORGANISATION.**

"It was clear in the very early days of the new Government," he began, "that a tremendous and growing burden rested on Britain. I do not think, however, that the outlook to-day should daunt us. To achieve victory as quickly as may be, our fighting forces must be adequately provided with the sinews of war and the people must be kept in good heart."

The Government has directed its energies to strengthening the sinews of war. Planes, tanks, guns and munitions of war, each call for varied skill and a large variety of materials drawn from the four quarters of the earth.

"The arena of war has widened by the increased range of aircraft and the war has become a total war in which the term non-combatant ceases to have any meaning."

"War of this kind, and the complexity, involving the whole population, calls for economic organisation on a scale unknown in the past and I am prepared to admit that it is not yet fully achieved at present."

Turning to the economic position of the enemy, Mr. Greenwood said: "Hitler in his latest speech painted a rosy picture of his economic strength". He also said that his total supplies for the army and air force were considerably greater than before the attack in the west. That no doubt is true, as of course, it is of this country. But Hitler was beset by serious problems within his swollen boundaries which would intensify as days went by.

### Hitler's Boast

"Hitler boasts that his food supplies are guaranteed for as long as the war lasts. I wonder. I fancy as the war draws on Hitler will not be happy as to the condition of famine, to which his aggression and conquest has condemned considerable areas of his newly-seized territory."

"A multitude of refugees have trampled growing corn. His tanks have devastated much of the countryside and his own crops will not be very good this year."

"Next spring he will begin to feel the pinch of the food problem even more seriously than now. He will continue the making of war material but some of his chief industrial areas and aerodromes have suffered heavy punishment."

"Oil refineries, stores, railway junctions, marshalling yards, docks and ships have been and will continue to be targets for our deadly bombing planes night by night, week by week, more heavily as our bombing strength increases."

### Drawing On Reserves

"His output has undoubtedly been seriously interfered with. It will be difficult if not impossible to repair the damage to productive enterprises and lines of communication etc., for a considerable time."

"He will need to draw more and more on his reserves, and the more vigorously he prosecutes the war the more rapidly will his stores disappear. He will find it increasingly difficult to replace losses. Measures have been taken to ensure that Hitler shall not draw sustenance from foreign sources. Not only Germany but controlled territories will be unable to carry on trade on any scale with the outside world."

tion of all the agencies concerned."

### New Planes

Mr. Greenwood then detailed the new arrangements made for the consideration of a number of economic problems and the co-ordination of their economic effort, saying that each main group of problems would be dealt with by a sub-committee composed of members of the War Cabinet and ministers in charge of the departments concerned.

One important factor in the effectiveness of their economic warfare was to deal with the serious problem of surplus overseas commodities in such a way as to make them an advantage to Britain and a disadvantage to the enemy.

### Long War

The collapse of France had greatly increased the difficulties of production and "we give complete priority to those essential weapons of war which provide the maximum resistance to the enemy in the shortest space of time. There is need to keep in our minds the possibility of a long war."

"Priority has not worked as well as it should but having had to make this great drive for immediate war purposes, we are now considering further measures to ensure as far as possible that materials, plant and labour are effectively used to carry out the production programme."

Mr. Greenwood then dealt in detail with industrial capacity and organisation and said that provision had also been made against destruction of factories from the air with plans for rebuilding and for the moving of reserve plants.

### In America

He recalled his statement of July 1 in the House of Commons regarding the new organisation to deal with purchases in North America through Canadian and United States channels, following the dissolution of the Anglo-French organisation.

The new organisation had been actively at work for some weeks. The United States Government was now engaged, in view of the effort for national rearmament and the mobilising of American industry for that purpose.

While, therefore, but a few months ago Britain was placing orders with American industry to supplement deficiencies in combined Allied production, they had now need to embark on a much more extensive programme which must be related to American national defence preparations:

Therefore, the House would readily understand the complexity of the question involved in the task of the British Purchasing Commission in New York.

At the same time we need both in New York and London, to co-ordinate our requirements with those of India, the Dominions and our allies, who must look to us for supplies.

"The United States and Canada had been our two most important potential providers of war material."

### Consumption Of People

Continuing Mr. Greenwood said that it was necessary for the efficient conduct of the war that the consumption of the people should be safeguarded and unnecessary hardship avoided.

"To achieve maximum effort we must plan our economic strategy with a view to the best co-ordination and co-operation of all the agencies concerned."

### U.S. SHIPS MAY BE USED FOR CHILDREN

The House of Representatives in Washington yesterday passed and sent to the Senate legislation authorising United States ships to enter belligerent waters to evacuate child refugees.

The House accepted amendments intended to assure that such children should not become public charges and to forbid nurses who are not American citizens from entering the United States. —Reuter.

### AIRMEN FOR DEFENCE OF BRITAIN

MORE EMPIRE TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED IN BRITAIN. THE LATEST IS THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF SOUTH RHODESIAN AIRMEN, MOST OF THEM IN THEIR 20'S AND FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, WHO HAVE ARRIVED TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN.

In a message of welcome, the Secretary of State for the Dominions said that Southern Rhodesia was already making a splendid contribution to the common cause.

Since the early days of the war, they have been in West Africa, East Africa and the Middle East.

"It is a great encouragement to us now to have you with us here in the Home Country," he concluded.—Reuter.

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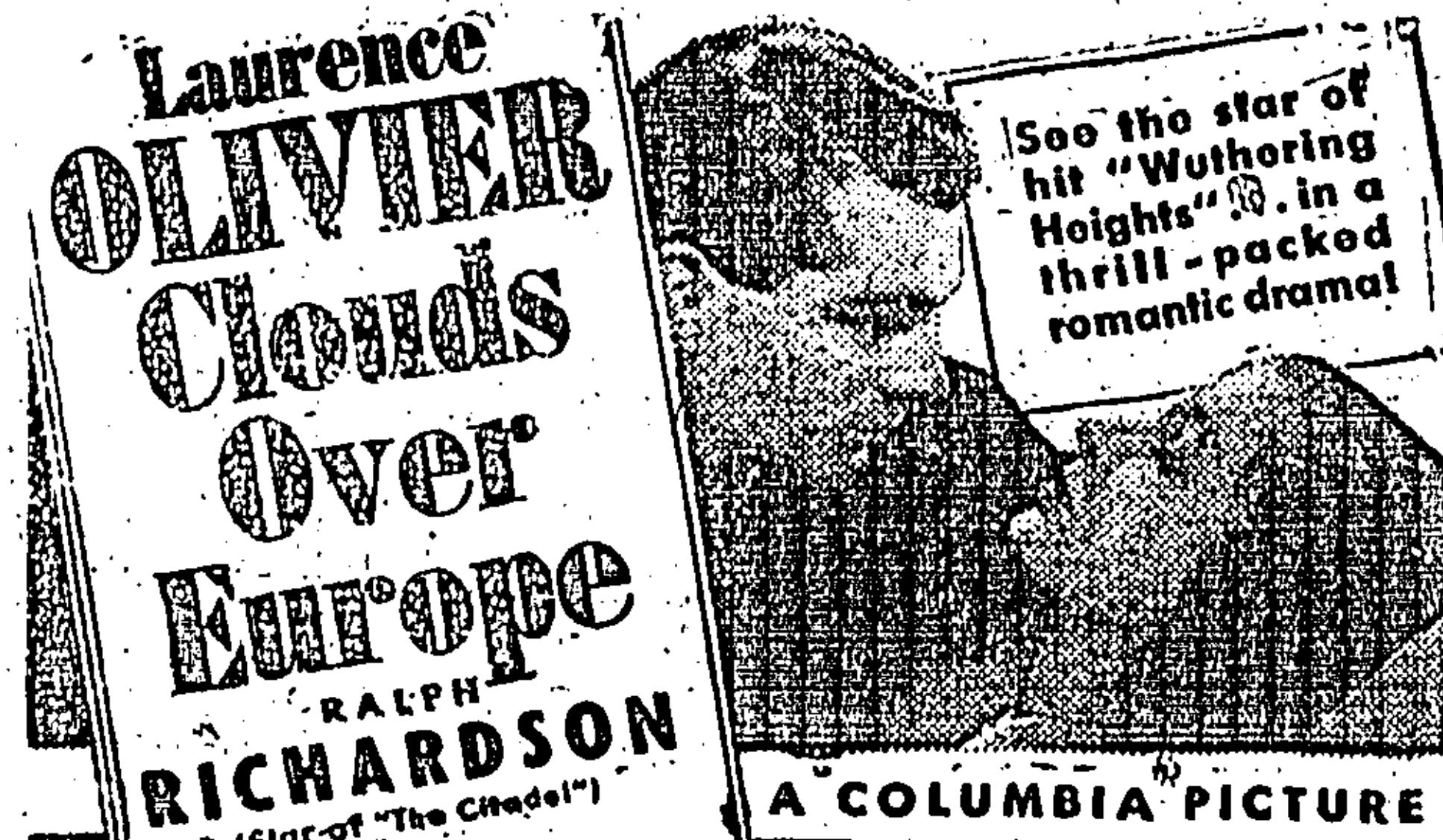
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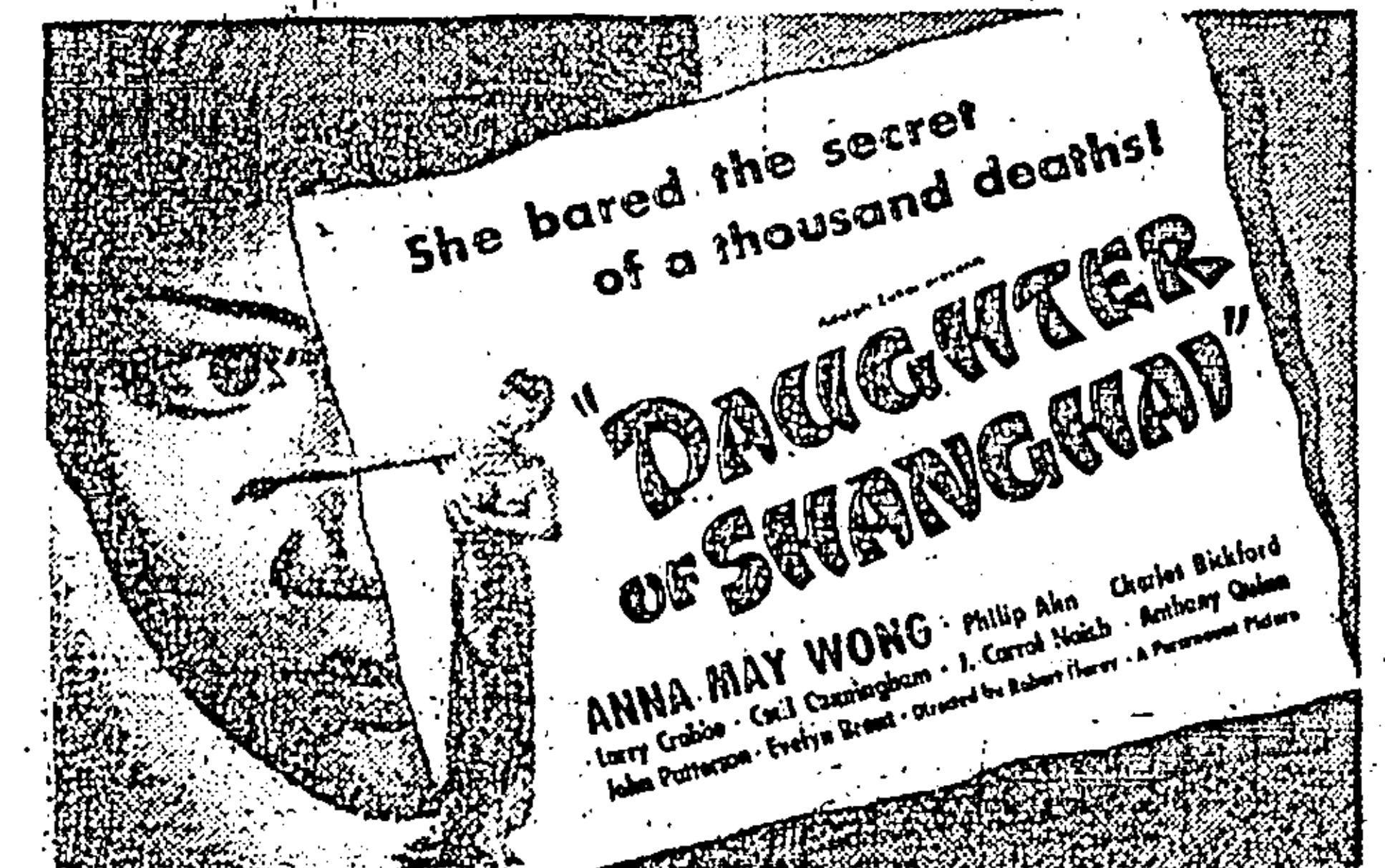


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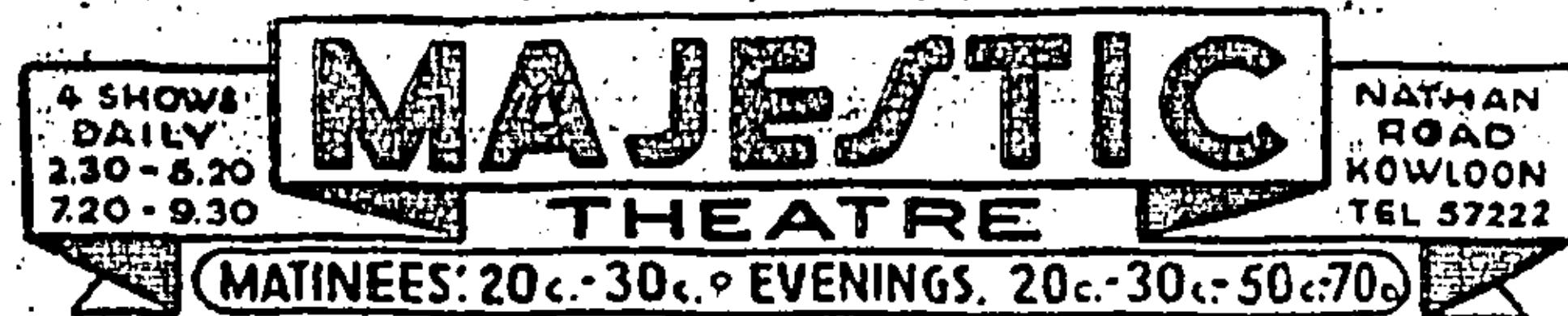
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# Dramatic Trial Of French Statesmen To Begin To-day

ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE TRIALS IN HISTORY, THE ARRAIGNING OF FRENCH STATESMEN BEFORE A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR "RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR," WILL OPEN TO-DAY.

Reuter learns that the "Supreme Court" which is to try the men "held responsible for the declaration and conduct of the war" will sit at Riom, ten miles to the north of Clermont Ferrand.

There is, apparently, no official list at present of the men who will be accused, but M. Daladier, M. Mandel, M. Campinchi and M. Yvon Delbos, who went to Casablanca after the armistice was signed, will be closely questioned.

M. Daladier is now at Orange under police guard, awaiting instructions.

M. Mandel is the only one of the four who has been kept under close arrest and he is likely to be the central figure of the trials.

## "Peace" Incident

M. Mandel has never concealed the fact that he is a Jew and in December, 1938, he refused to attend a State reception in honour of von Ribbentrop who had just signed a pact of eternal peace between France and Germany.

To-day's proceedings are expected to be purely formal.

In the following days, "witnesses will be examined and individual indictments framed." — Reuter.

## Like A Reichstag Fire Trial?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Petain Government has completed final preparations for the installation of the "French Supreme Court of Justice," whose proceedings are to start at Riom at 4 p.m. to-day.

Six additional telephone lines linking Riom with Clermont-Ferrand and two telegraph cables specially set up for the press have been fitted.

Military motor cycles are to take care of the official and press mail service between the two cities.—Havas.

## LE BOURGET BOMBED

Taking advantage of a cloud formation which concealed his approach, a pilot of an R.A.F. medium bomber raided the Paris airport at Le Bourget yesterday.

The Air Ministry news service, giving brief details of the exploit, states that several large twin-engined German aircraft were on the tarmac and a number of others of medium size were standing near the hangars.

The raider took the enemy completely by surprise and he was able to drop his bombs near the aircraft and hangars and then retreat again into the clouds before any anti-aircraft batteries could be brought into action. — Reuter.

## HAIFA BOMBED

Haifa was bombed yesterday morning. Some damage was done and there were a few casualties.

This is the third raid of the war on Haifa, which is the terminus of an important pipe-line. — Reuter.

## MAY RD. BURGLARY

The residence of Mr. J. Hackney, of No. 3, May Road, was entered last night, and jewellery to the value of \$124 stolen.

B.W.O.F. workers are informed that the Sewing Centre at Government House will meet tomorrow at the usual time.

## AIR "ACE" IN THE RANKS

Among the R.A.F. awards announced last night in the Gazette was a bar to the D.F.M. to Flight Sergeant William Henry Franklin, formerly a laboratory assistant in Eastern London, who has shot down ten enemy aircraft and assisted in destroying a further two.

On one occasion he encountered seven German fighters, was engaged by five and destroyed one. — Reuter.

## TWIST TO THE NEWS

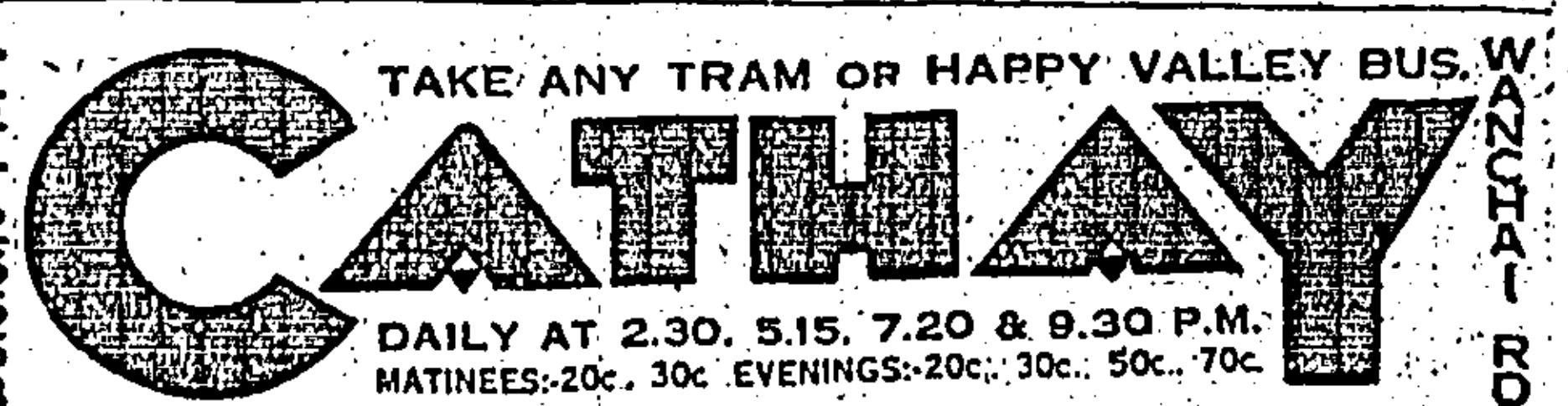
GERMAN PROPAGANDA HAS CUNNINGLY TWISTED THE NEWS THAT ONE BRITON RAISED 20 SHILLINGS BY CHARGING A PENNY TO ALL THOSE WHO WISHED TO SEE ONE OF THE NAZI LEAFLETS DROPPED ON BRITAIN. THE MONEY WAS SENT TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

The German propaganda machine is now trying to make out that £1 was paid merely for the privilege of being allowed to read one of the Nazi leaflets!

Semi-official London comment on this last night was: "Only a German would regard it as a privilege to be allowed to pay £1 to read Hitler's speech!" — Reuter.

## TANGANYIKA GIFT

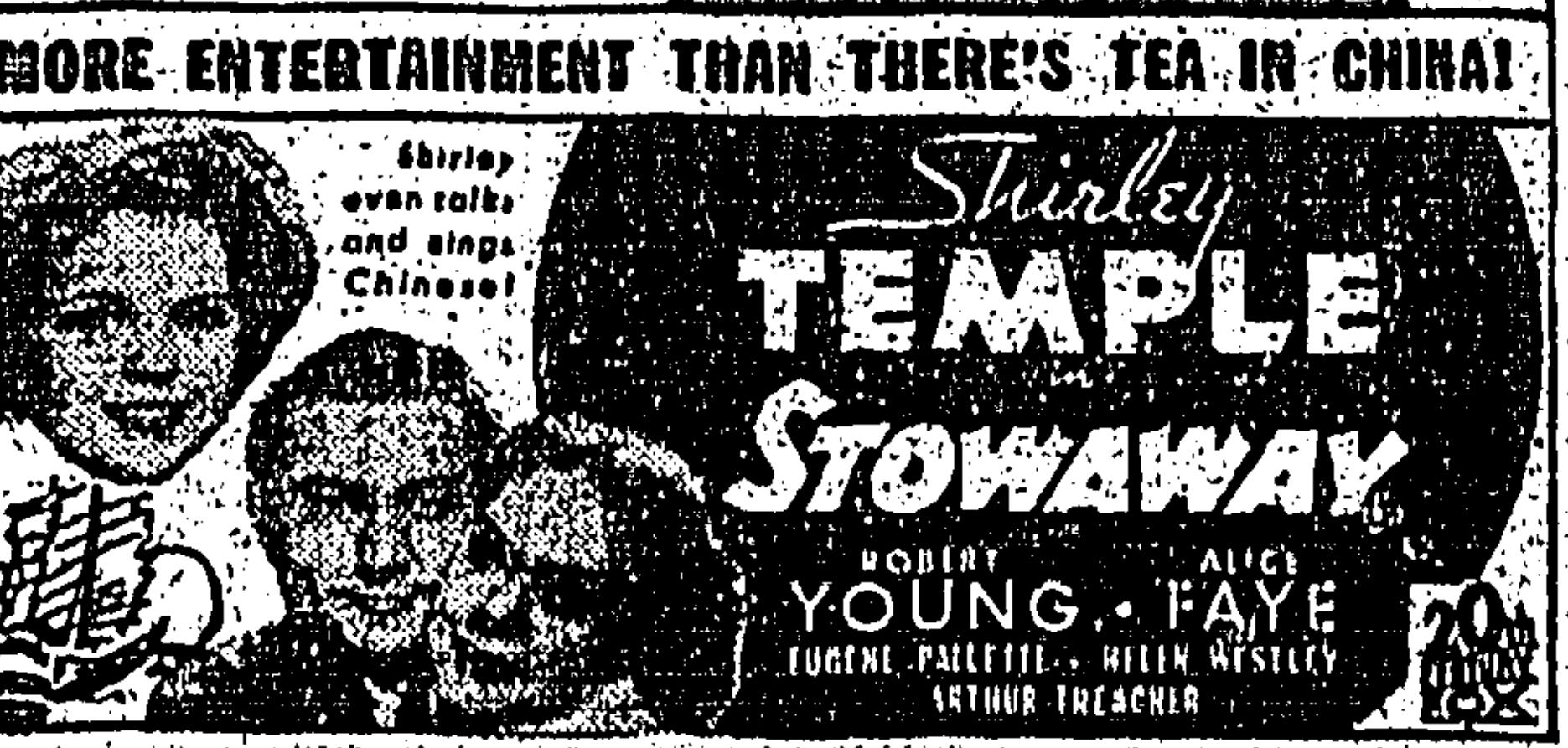
The Governor of Tanganyika has been asked to convey the Imperial Government's grateful thanks to the Dar-es-Salaam Chamber of Commerce for £600, lent free of interest for the duration of the war. — Reuter.



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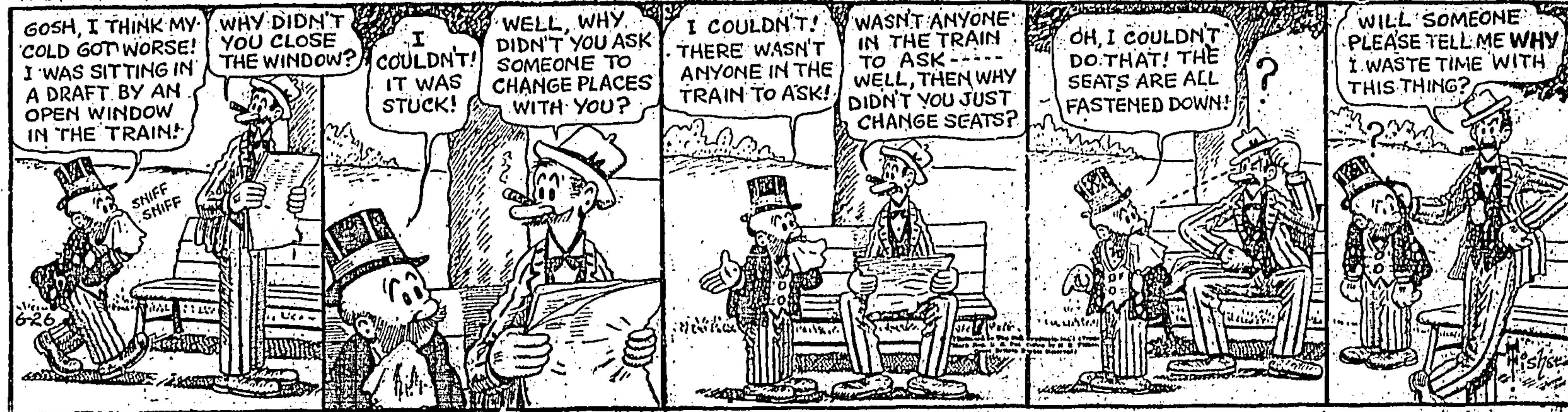
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# ENORMOUS INCREASE IN BRITISH SHIPPING TONNAGE

## VATICAN PACT WITH PORTUGAL

According to Rome Radio an agreement has been signed between the Vatican and Portugal whereby Church property taken over by the State in 1910 and now under its control be returned by Portugal to the Church.

Under another clause in the agreement, marriages taking place in Catholic Churches in Portugal will in future be legal without the additional civil ceremony hitherto required.—Reuter.

AS THE RESULT OF the German invasion of Poland, Norway, Denmark and the Low Countries, and the collapse of France, the shipping strength of Great Britain and the Dominions has been increased by over 10 million tons deadweight, it was disclosed by the Ministry of Shipping in London yesterday.

It is pointed out that not all of these ships are being used in trade with this country but they are being distributed all over the globe, free to engage in every kind of trade except contraband trade with the enemy.

## LOSSES IN TRAWLERS

It was officially announced in London last night that the casualties in the trawler Marsona were one officer killed, one officer and ten ratings missing believed killed, six ratings wounded.

Casualties in the trawler Finistere were one officer wounded, one rating killed and eight ratings wounded.

The loss of both vessels has been previously announced.—Reuter.

About 5½ million tons are Norwegian; 3 million tons Dutch; and half a million tons under the control of the Belgian and Polish Governments.

All are ships of 500 gross tons or more. In addition there are now under direct control of the Ministry of Shipping, three important categories of foreign shipping.

Firstly there is Danish shipping, seized for British service amounting to about half a million deadweight tons. Because of the circumstances in which the independence of Denmark was extinguished there was no alternative to transferring these ships to the British flag.

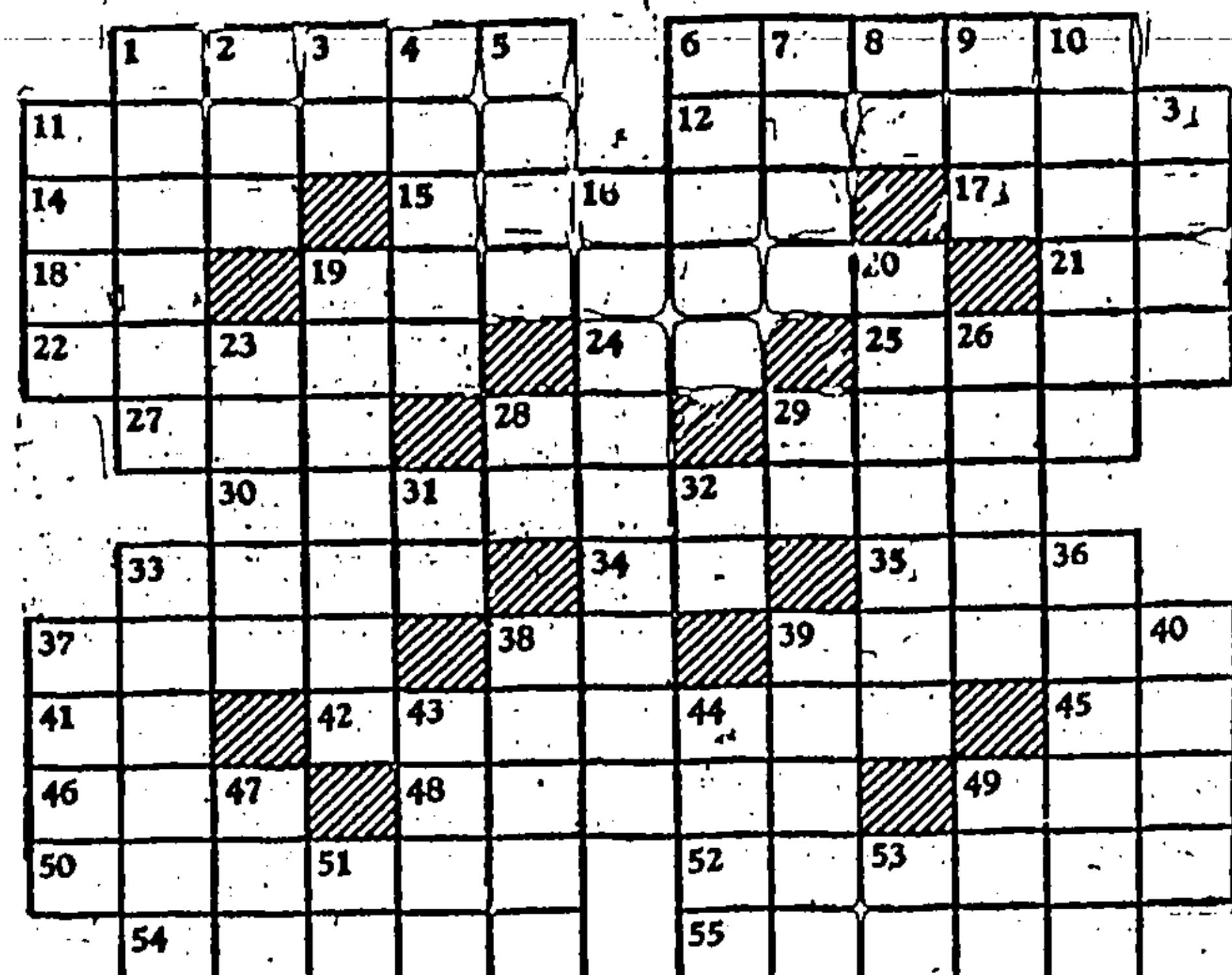
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Secondly, French shipping under British control amounts to about half a million deadweight tons. In order that they may be free to assist in the common war effort, these ships were requisitioned after France's signature of the armistice. They will sail under the British flag but will also fly the French flag.

The Ministry adds that many French officers and seamen have accepted Britain's offer to remain in employment in these ships on the same terms as the British officers and seamen.

Thirdly there were a great number of ships of various neutral countries on time charter to the Ministry of Shipping. They now amount to about 1½ million deadweight tons.—Reuter.

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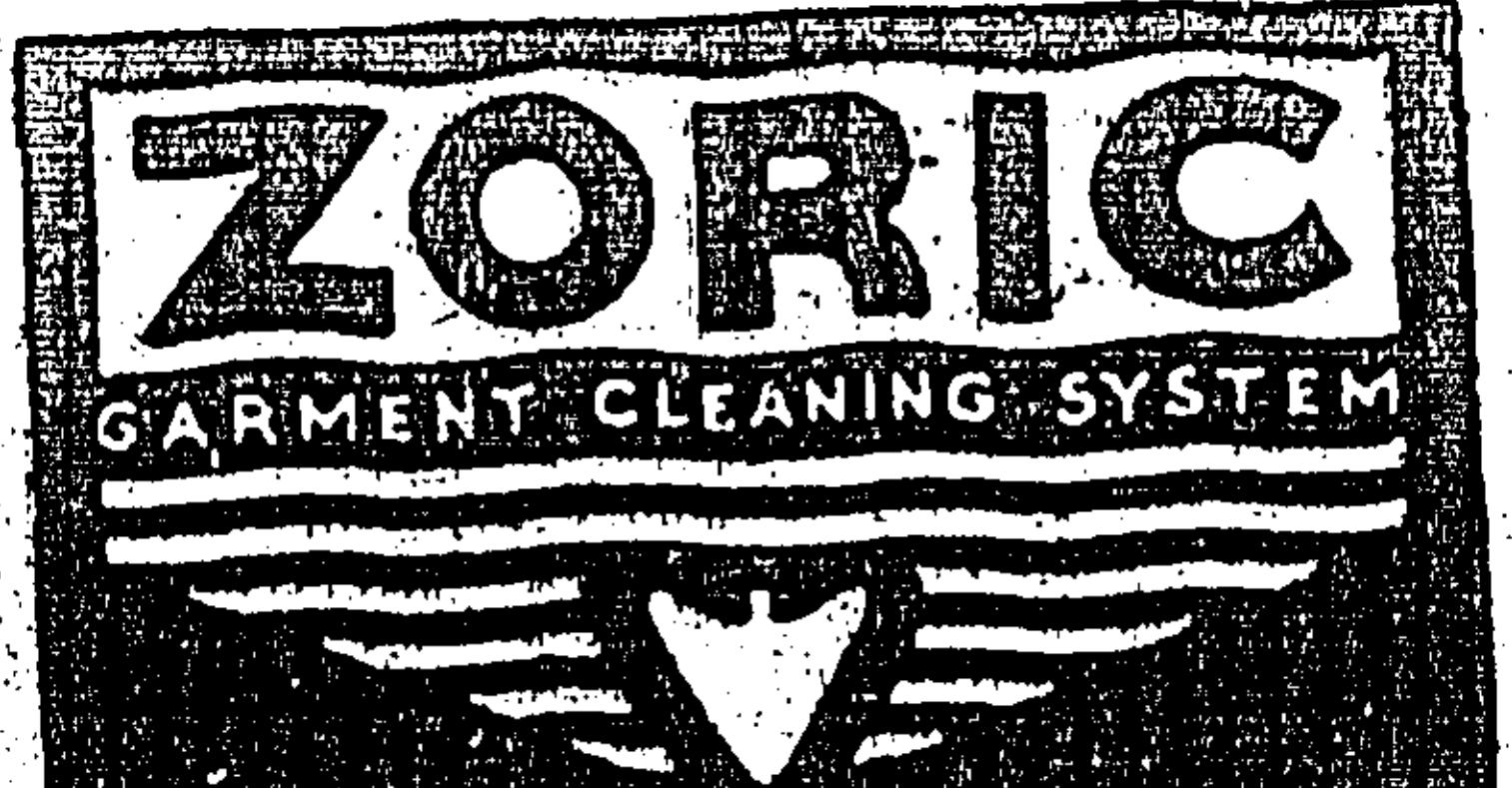
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# CENTRAL DIRECTION OF ECONOMIC WAR EFFORT URGED

**A PROPOSAL FOR A central directing authority controlling Britain's internal economy, a suggestion that we should not rely too much on the United States which might become embroiled in war with Japan, and a charge that sufficient was not being done to train skilled workers, were offered during yesterday's Commons debate, following Mr. Greenwood's speech (reported in Page Three).**

It was also complained that the problem of unemployment and under-employment had not yet been tackled with sufficient energy.

Mr. E. Shinwell, (Labour) urged an exhaustive survey of the country's economic possibilities and asked, assuming the war lasts two or three years, whether Government had estimated the needs in aircraft, guns, ammunition, raw materials and exports.

He asked whether there was a definite allocation between actual war essentials and exports and civilian needs.

Mr. Shinwell declared that, according to reliable estimates, Germany had 780,000 men and women training for industry, while we had 28,000 trainees and envisaged 40,000 being trained this year.

Mr. Shinwell then proceeded to talk of unemployment and under-employment in Britain, and suggested that instead of allowing miners to remain unemployed, Government might finance the building up of huge stocks of coal or divert miners into war industries. He also suggested that in order to meet the German attacks on shipping the docks and harbours on the west coast should be improved and in order to develop a large export trade, manufacturers and export companies should be financed, and individual effort and competition must considerably be modified or replaced by a full-blooded system of collective production.

He added that we could not rely too much on the United States who might be embroiled in a war with Japan; it would be better to assume that we must rely on ourselves and organise accordingly.

#### Schuster Suggestions

Sir George Schuster (Liberal National) said that Mr. Arthur Greenwood's account was not very convincing and urged that the first step should be to establish a central directing authority and that we should aim, with the American countries, to build up a satisfactory economic regime for the war-period to give the inhabitants of these countries a satisfactory basis of life and deny to enemies what they need.

Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) urged the need of finding an outlet for our surplus products, instancing Gold Coast cocoa, Straits tin and rubber.

Short Range Plan For Present.

Mr. Harold Macmillan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, replying to the debate, said Government's task was even more complicated than turning over to war economy because war economy itself had to be adjusted to rapidly changing strategic and tactical considerations.

He could not announce the broad ambitions of a large-scale economic plan.

The vast scale of events must be borne in mind and the first definite plan was to give every shred of our strength to preparation in the next few weeks and months.

Then it might be possible for Ministers to give, in a more com-

## LABOUR PLAN WORKING

Mr. Bevin declared in Parliament yesterday that there was a plan for labour and that the plan was working.

He said that a thousand miners, thrown out of work by a collapse, had been used to increase the power of the Navy by speeding up the construction of gun-mountings and other things. Hitler would get a far warmer welcome than he otherwise would have done.

Mr. Bevin added that while the Government were doing all they could to train men for industry they were not getting all the help they might from industry itself. He concluded: "While we may make mistakes in judgment, we are planning towards securing final victory."—Reuter.

## BRITONS RELEASED

A Swedish steamer arrived in a Scottish port from Petsamo, Finland, yesterday with 125 Britons on board.

They had been interned in Sweden after being cut off between Tondheim and Narvik when the British Army was evacuated.

The men consisted mostly of infantry troops, but there were a few airmen and seamen.

There are a further 111 men who are to be repatriated from Sweden.—Reuter.

## AMERICANS REWARDED BY FRANCO

Francisco Franco, generalissimo of the Spanish government, has conferred the Great Cross of Isabella on eight Americans including two cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church, the late George Cardinal Mundelein, of Chicago, and Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, of Philadelphia. The one award was posthumous.

Other Americans receiving the decoration included W. Cameron Forbes and Ogden H. Hammond.

Forbes was governor-general in the Philippines from 1909 to 1913. He was closely associated with the American administration in the Philippines for many years.

—Associated Press.

## GEN. DE GAULLE'S COMPACT WITH BRITAIN

**A MEMORANDUM OF agreement between the British Government and General de Gaulle states: The French force assisting Britain will never be required to take up arms against France.**

The memorandum was issued in London last night with the letters exchanged between Mr. Churchill and General de Gaulle.

In his letter Mr. Churchill expresses Britain's determination to secure full restoration of French independence and greatness when victory was gained.

The Agreement, which dates from July 1, 1940, states that the French force of volunteers being raised by General de Gaulle would as far as possible retain the character of a French force in respect of personnel—particularly as regards discipline, language and the promoting of duties.

As soon as is practicable, the British Government is to supply the French force with equipment which may be essential to place its units on a scale equivalent to that of similar British units.

Weapons, planes, ammunition etc., brought with them by the French force, will be allocated in priority to them to help with their equipment.

#### French Fleet

To make the utmost use of vessels from the French fleet, careful arrangements have been made for their allocation.

While the French will operate as many warships as they can man, the others will be under direct British control, and some other Allied naval forces. Where possible, ships under Bri-

tish control will include a proportion of French officers and men in their complement.

General de Gaulle and the British Admiralty will keep in close touch and decide the allocation of ships. The use of French merchant ships and crews—for military operations—is also to be arranged between General de Gaulle and the British departments concerned.

#### British Command

Under the agreement, General de Gaulle is to accept the general direction of the British High Command.

Subject to the provision that the French force will never be required to take up arms against France, General de Gaulle when necessary, will delegate by agreement, the immediate command of any part of the force to British officers.

When peace comes, Britain undertakes to help the French volunteers to regain their rights and national status and in the meantime is willing to afford special facilities to volunteers to acquire British nationality.

The sums required for constituting and maintaining the French force will be met in the first instance by Britain and will be regarded as an advance and specifically recorded."—Reuter.



## JAPAN AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC

There is some parallel between Japan's southward scheme of expansion and Italy's dream of an Empire in North Africa.

Just as Italy has been excluded from the Balkans by Russia, and from Yugoslavia by Germany, so Japan has been driven south by the superior force and pressure of Russia.

Japan has, however, an unfinished war on her hands in China, and she must either complete the conquest of that vast country at even greater expense than she has already incurred, or she must offer terms that China will be willing to accept. In taking the latter course she confesses the failure of her effort to conquer China, and if she should choose the former she commits herself to a task that has already drained her treasury and made heavy inroads on her manpower.

She has secured the closure of the Burma Road to war munitions, petrol and trucks and aeroplanes and now she hopes to secure bases in Indo-China from which to advance in Yunnan, or at least control the railway. This attempt to conquer China by this route will prove a formidable and costly operation since it involves the transporting of armies and supplies over a single track railway that climbs up to 6,400 feet and is vulnerable at hundreds of points. A resolute army in Yunnan would make the task impossible. In any case the work of the Japanese army must be completed either by the elimination of the Chiang Kai-shek government and the spirit which supports it, or else there must be complete withdrawal. The former seems to be the only course open to Japan.

The great drawback to it is, that it will take a very long time to accomplish even under the most favourable conditions and even if all the armies of China were destroyed the military control of China would absorb enormous numbers of Japanese troops.

That obstacle to Japan's policy of expansion still stands and the frequent reference to it by the Japanese themselves shows how great and formidable it is.

Indo-China is a tempting bait and possibly Hitler is offering it in return for Japanese assistance. Britain is now under no take it by force.

# Poland: A Nazi Blueprint Of France?

That Poland was just a Nazi rehearsal for France — at least in the conquest phase — is clear enough now. Indeed, German spokesmen said as much during the three weeks of the lightning war that centred upon Warsaw. Will future events follow the same pattern? Ann Cardwell, a relief worker who recently left Poland for Southern France, describes the desolation wrought upon the Poles by the invaders.

The terrible menace of seizure and imprisonment or deportation hangs over the entire population of Poland. The situation, always bad, grew decidedly worse the first week of May. The lemon-yellow proclamations of Dr. Frank had been posted calling for the registration of all Poles between the ages of 15 and 25 years for farm labour in Germany "since the Reich is feeding Poland."

Despite the fact that Poles in his category were registering as required, forcible seizures at once took place on the streets and in the homes. All at once Gestapo cars appeared on the main streets and in some of the suburbs of Warsaw, taking young people and children wherever they found them.

A lengthy report on the situation has just reached me. It was written by a friend, a Polish-speaking neutral, who had been permitted by the Germans to spend ten days in Poland attending to his firm's affairs. He is a highly educated man with a wide acquaintance in Poland. The names he mentioned in his report are of people whom I know personally or by reputation.

When the Gestapo cars first swooped down on Warsaw and the suburbs, my friend happened to be riding in a street car. The car was stopped. Gestapo men came on. Three little fellows among the passengers clung desperately to this stranger from another country. They were spared. Others were dragged out of the street car and thrust into a waiting truck.

The following days brought further fear to Warsaw. The first bad news was that of the arrest of Polish police; up to this time they had been used along with German police. The second was to the effect that children from the elementary schools — the only ones allowed — were being taken to give blood transfusions for German soldiers wounded in battle.

What becomes of people thus taken is not then known, sometimes never known. Anyone who endeavours to trace a person arrested or not returning to his home is himself liable to be arrested and disappear. Some are deported for labour. Some are imprisoned in Poland. A Polish woman belonging to one of the most highly respected families, whose father was internationally known for his scholarship, was arrested by the Gestapo and kept

obligation to help in the defence of Indo-China since that territory is now under the Petain Government. It is, therefore, possible to secure concessions there without Britain or the United States being involved. When she advances further south, however, the position is rather different, for the United States draws essential supplies from the Netherlands East Indies and has stated that she wishes the status quo to be maintained. Then Holland is officially fighting on the side of Great Britain and presumably would expect assistance in the defence of her most valuable possession, for she is clearly determined

to resist any attempt to

in prison outside Warsaw for six weeks. Some 1,700 political prisoners, men and women, were held at the time in accommodations intended for 400. She told me of instances of her friends being taken on the street to give blood transfusions, detained for a week and returned home exhausted.

The Germans are afraid of uprisings in Poland, particularly on national holidays. To prevent these, they arrested thousands of Poles before November 11, the Polish Independence Day. On April 29

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they arrested some 7,000 persons in Warsaw — a measure of protection before May 3, Constitution Day, one of the most significant of all Polish holidays.

Recently many German troops have been withdrawn, possibly to bolster the forces fighting in the West, and more are being withdrawn. These are replaced by Gestapo men. Officers and men of the Gestapo, I am told, behave inhumanly toward helpless Poles. Like all others arriving from Poland, my informants speak at Red Cross.

length on the German persecution of the Polish intelligentsia. Their fate is perhaps the worst of all. The Germans have openly declared they need the Polish labouring class, but there is no reason why the upper class should not perish. The prisons are daily receiving new contingents of them.

Robberies done in the name of currency revision and the alleged need of arms, food, clothing, continue to take place day and night. The peasants have suffered greatly from the withdrawal of the Polish zloty and the introduction of the new banknotes put out by the Bank of Issue. They would not believe that the zloty would not retain its value, and they had no faith in the new money. They did not, therefore turn in their carefully saved zlotys which are now not recognised, and the peasants are left with no cash.

Poland has been stripped of all food stores that people have not been able to conceal. Neither peasants nor estate owners are permitted to sell or to kill off for their own use their cattle or hogs. On the first of May an order went out that no more milk would be sold in Warsaw; and no milk was obtainable. It is all shipped to Germany as decreed. Bread is the only article of food that appears in sufficient quantity. No outside help has been carrying on in Warsaw except the Red Cross in co-operation with the German

official wall poster reads: "Any person seen smiling sarcastically, looking with contempt, failing to salute military or other functionaries wearing the party band, is subject to immediate arrest."

A circular issued to the German press by the propaganda department orders editors to write as little as possible about Poland and adds:

"The attention of the press is drawn to the fact that articles on Poland should play up the instinctive repulsion of the German people toward anything Polish. Readers must be given to understand that Bohemians, Jews and Poles are all to be regarded as being on the same level. This is important since we shall be obliged to use Poles as agricultural labourers in Germany for a long time to come. It is therefore desirable to build up a defence front within the German nation."

The Polish people are bearing up magnificently. The City of Warsaw was given the Cross of Virtus Militari for its defence in the autumn. It merits another for the splendid preservation of its morale. The population is so organised and under control that it endures its tortures with no thought of wavering. Poland's spirit remains unbroken. In unnumbered ways the fight goes on against the enemy within the gates. Poland is neither dead nor dying.

## Mediterranean Line-Up

### Now Comes The Real Test Of Ships Versus Planes--and Ships Should Win

Italy's intervention in the war was anticipated. There is no element of surprise here, and all plans have been drawn up to meet this event.

The Duce believes, with Hitler, that air power can beat sea power. We have to prove him wrong. His ultimate defeat will then be certain.

Some of the Government's technical advisers were in favour of an ultimatum being presented to Mussolini last September requesting him and his Government to state their attitude one way or other.

There were political reasons against this step, but on the other hand, the state of half-war with Italy, which lasted for nine months has been of direct advantage to the Nazis.

We and the French have had to keep a large army concentrated in the Eastern Mediterranean together with considerable naval forces for this very contingency. In addition, our French allies had to maintain a large army on the Italian border.

#### Why Mussolini Hesitated

During all this time Italy acted as a conduit pipe through which the Nazis drew badly needed supplies, in the teeth of our blockade; and we were anxious not to drive matters too far with the Italians up till the very last. That leakage is now closed. The reasons for Mussolini's hesitation are not difficult to guess.

Large and important sections of Italians are, or were strongly opposed to war in alliance with the hated Germans. Possibly the strongest emotion of the remainder was a desire to re-establish Italy's reputation as a nation of warriors.

Our initial propaganda, reminding Italians of Caporetto and jeering at their military failures in the past, was a blunder. Such foolishness is more calculated to inflame the hitherto lukewarm in Italy than anything else.

It is rash, in any case, to underestimate one's opponents. It is nevertheless true that Mussolini

leads a disunited and uneasy people.

#### How The Navies Compare

Italy was not ready for war last September. There had been considerable wastage of material in both the Abyssinian and Spanish campaigns, and it was necessary for reserves of all kinds to be built up.

The Italian Fleet was weak, the battle line consisting only of four obsolete pre-war dreadnoughts. Two of these were reconstructed by 1937 and the reconstruction of the other two has only just been completed.

More important still, two new battleships of 35,000 tons, mounting nine 15-inch guns each and comparable, on paper, to our own Nelson and Rodney, have only just been finished.

In addition, Italy has seven heavy cruisers, 14 light cruisers, about 60 destroyers, a hundred submarines large and small, and

an unknown number of fast motor torpedo-boats.

Despite our responsibilities in other oceans and the necessity of keeping sufficient naval forces to counter the depleted Nazi forces in the North Sea, we have overwhelming naval strength in the new conflict area.

The Italians can strike eastwards from Tripoli towards the Nile and the Suez Canal, either following the route along the coast or trying to make their way across the Libyan Desert. If the coast route is chosen, the Navy will take a hand in the game. The desert route is almost waterless, and mechanised forces attempting to air attack.

The Italian forces in Abyssinia can attack Kenya Colony, and might try a simultaneous movement against the Egyptian Sudan.

Fortunately for us, Abyssinia is

lians have behaved with great brutality since the conquest of the country, the tribes are not subdued and they will now get the help from us they should have had when the kingdom of Abyssinia was a fellow-member of the League of Nations and attacked by the Fascists.

In any case, the Italian communications through the Red Sea with Abyssinia and the Colonies of Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, the three forming the much vaunted new Empire, are hopelessly compromised.

In Egypt and Syria is a large, well-equipped army of British, Australian and New Zealand troops. This army of the Middle East can move in any direction as required.

The Italian forces in Abyssinia might overrun Jibuti, but the port will be no use to them without the use of the Red Sea.

#### The Truth About Malta

This island has not belonged to Rome since the days of the Roman Empire. Its inhabitants are of Phoenician descent, speak their own language, are loyal subjects of the British Empire and detest the Italian Fascists.

A few Italian speaking intellectuals form the only basis for the claim that Malta should rightly belong to Italy.

If it pleases Mussolini to bomb this longed-for prize, he can do it; but the capture of the island would be a difficult matter.

British warships would not be idle if such an attempt were made. We can bomb the Italian cities if Mussolini orders flightlessness against our towns and possessions.

#### Franco: The Big Problem

The course of a Mediterranean campaign must depend to a certain extent on the attitude of Spain. If the Franco Government remains neutral, Italy can do little in the Western Mediterranean because of lack of bases.

The final outcome in the Mediterranean and elsewhere will be decided by sea power. Falling a naval miracle—and miracles are rare in war—Italy loses, and loses heavily, if the campaign goes beyond this year.

BY LORD  
STRABOLGI

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# SIGNIFICANCE OF HAVANA ACCORD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE "CONSIDERABLE importance" and influence of the Havana Pan-American Conference formed the subject of a long editorial in "Le Temps."

"The session at Havana had considerable importance," the editorial asserted, "not only because the debates were carried on in the light of the present upheavals in Europe, but because, for the first time, they abutted in the solemn affirmation of the solidarity of all the peoples of America in the face of world problems.

"There is now a common doctrine for the countries of the two Americas, each of which countries developing according to its own character in the centre of an organisation that is certainly peaceful, remains liable to be called to take forceful measures, in predetermined circumstances, to assure the security of all," the editorial said.

"This is, in the international order, a new fact which will have to be kept in mind in all relations with the American states, which are henceforth governed by the rule of the Monroe Doctrine," "Le Temps" declared.

The editorial next briefly analysed the concrete results of the Havana conference.

#### European Possessions

Commenting on the proposal for inter-American administration of European possessions in America, the newspaper emphasised:

"It is recognised in Washington that the French possessions are in no way aimed at...."

"It has been stated specifically that possessions temporarily placed under inter-American administration will be restituted to their original administrators on condition that American security allows such restitution, or else that their independence will be recognised if they are adjudged capable of government themselves."

"There is therefore the risk of an eventuality which no European power having possessions in the western hemisphere could disregard," "Le Temps" stated.

"This last formula of the Pan-American Conference calls, at the very least, for serious reserve, for it would imply, as it now stands, the right of powers which would establish themselves as temporary administrators, to modify the status of the European possessions if this were to appear, in their eyes, to be in the interests of American security," "Le Temps" concluded.—Havas.

## EFFECTS OF R.A.F. BOMBING

A neutral journalist who has been allowed to see some of the results of the bombing of the Thyssen works near Dusseldorf reports that he was told that the works and vicinity have been raided 28 times and Dusseldorf 18 times during the past three months.

Factory officials told him that 20,000 workers went to air-raid shelters during the raids and many German factories start work later so that workers can make up for sleep lost during air raids.

He saw a laboratory which was badly damaged by one bomb during a 3-hour raid on June 16.

German air force officers told him that an area of 1,000 yards had to be cordoned off around any R.A.F. bombs which did not explode.

He was also told that plans have been made to move 40,000 workers to new quarters if the R.A.F. raids are intensified.—Reuter.

## RAIDER PAID FOR "CHEEK"

IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY, THE MASTER OF THE 1,000-TON STEAMER HIGHLANDER, WHICH AS RECENTLY REPORTED—SHOT DOWN TWO GERMAN AEROPLANES, SAID THAT THE ACTION TOOK PLACE ABOUT 3½ MILES OFF THE COAST.

It was a clear, starry night when the first plane started to machine-gum the ship.

The crew jumped to their guns. The raider got "too cheeky" and as it crashed, aided by their guns, one wing smashed onto the poop, the rest of the machine falling into the sea in flames.

Another German machine then attacked the Highlander, whose two machine-guns brought it down.

"I can tell you, it was a hefty half-hour!" said the captain.—Reuter.

## TRADE TALKS IN MOSCOW

Mr. Butler, replying in the Commons to a number of questions relating to the progress of negotiations for a trade agreement with Russia, said: "Lord Halifax had recently sent instructions to the British Ambassador at Moscow to seek a further interview with the People's Commissar of Foreign Trade who had undertaken, at his last interview, to acquaint Britain as soon as possible with the view of the Soviet Government.

It has always been and still is the wish of His Majesty's Government that the negotiations should make as rapid progress as possible.

He had had reports that Soviet-Iranian, Soviet-Swedish and Soviet-German negotiations connected with trade matters were in progress.—British Wireless.

## ANOTHER "BIG SHOT" LEAVES M.O.I.

Sir Kenneth Lee, the Director-General of the Ministry of Information, has resigned, and is succeeded by Sir Frank Pick, formerly a member of the London Passenger Transport Board.—Reuter.

## GOEBBELS --- PLAYING WITH FIRE

For some time now, the German radio has been broadcasting warnings about allowing children to play with matches, the dangers of handling petrol carelessly, and so on.

Children have always loved to play with matches, and it has always been dangerous to handle petrol carelessly, and so it might be wondered why the German radio has suddenly started to issue such warnings.

One explanation is that when Germans see fires at a distance, or hear of them, they might—remembering the radio warnings—think they have been caused by carelessness, and not by bombs dropped by the R.A.F.

A large quantity of petrol at Hoboken, near Antwerp, has gone up in flames.

The official Nazi explanation is that the fire was caused by people smoking cigarettes while collecting petrol that was floating on top of water in a ditch.

There is no official explanation, however, of how the petrol came to be on the water in the ditch.—Reuter.

## AMERICANS DECORATED BY CHINESE GOVT.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Chinese Government has decorated two American highway transport experts, Messrs. C. W. Van Patter and A. B. Bassi, with the Order of the Brilliant Jade, for the services they rendered to China.—Havas.

## ACID TEST OF BRITISH FIGURES

THE LONDON PRESS YES-TERDAY PRINTED PHOTOGRAPHS GIVING THE LIE TO NAZI ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GERMAN "BLOCKADE" HAS SUCCEEDED IN CLOSING THE PORT OF LONDON.

The photos show London docks filled with ships unloading vast quantities of food and materials. Others show warehouses crammed with wool, leather, tobacco and metal.

The London Dock has seldom been busier.

A commentator from a Boston (U.S.A.) radio station provided the final answer when he said, in connection with Nazi claims about British shipping losses:

"The British figures would appear to be more reliable. British exports are not dropping off and this is the acid test."

"So long as goods come to Britain, ships must be bringing them in."—Reuter.

## "RIVER CLYDE" SUNK BY A MINE

The Admiralty announced that the mine-sweeping trawler "River Clyde" has been sunk by an enemy mine.

The next of kin of the casualties have been informed.—Reuter.

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# Behind the Bullwark Of Britain: The Battle With Hitler

**SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC luncheon in London yesterday, the First Lord of the Admiralty said that "by sheer weight of the vast war machine which they have created, the Germans have overrun a large area of Europe and overthrown, for the time being, the great bastion of freedom on the Continent which the French people have maintained for over a century.**

This country, as the outpost of the British Commonwealth, and aided by Allied contingents which escaped the successive strokes of the Nazi scythe, now constitutes the only organized bulwark against the creation of a European Police State which is Germany's immediate aim, with the threat which that would involve to other nations overseas.

**Only behind this bulwark can the forces be mobilised and organised which will later remove the monstrous threat to liberty which confronts the world.**

The Nazis have already enslaved populations and made a desert of several once fertile and flourishing parts of Europe. As they look out across the narrow waters of the Channel to the white cliffs of England they must often wonder what measure of time and effort still separates them from the full achievement of the conquest which would make the countries of the world their tributaries and countless nations their slave markets.

Mr. Alexander went on to tell some of his reasons for believing the Nazi goal can never be realised.

## Germany's Task

"To establish their domination, the Germans must defeat the British Commonwealth of Nations. Our plan and the measures which we are actually taking provide a counter to each and every possible method of attack."

"We have looked very carefully to our moat which is given to us by Providence. It is now

immeasurably better defended and the ramparts are far higher and broader than they were when the Battle of France ended."

The Navy was making its contribution, not least in discharging the vital task of defending convoys, carrying large cargoes of invaluable food, raw materials and military stores of various kinds from all over the world including America "to whom we are grateful for the productions they are making available."

## Attacks On Trade

The First Lord said: "Grossly exaggerated enemy claims concerning his attacks on our trade are the measure of what he fondly hopes to gain by this weapon. We are matching it and beating it by unremitting effort and constant development of new methods and new tactical plans for the protection of our convoys."

Regarding mines, he said: "Night after night, mine laying aircraft under the cover of darkness drop their deadly loads in the fairways and estuaries of our ports. Their efforts are supplemented by submarines which furtively sow their minefields off our coasts."

"As soon as such minelaying is detected or suspected, the channels affected are closed, shipping is diverted and minesweepers take up their dangerous task."

Mr. Alexander paid a tribute, too, to the resolution, seamanship and endurance of the anti-invasion patrols operating without lights and in all weathers.

## The Mediterranean

The First Lord had a few words to say on the Mediterranean.

"The problem of the Mediterranean has undeniably been increased by the loss of French co-operation and French bases. Nevertheless, we are pursuing, and with success, a policy of striking persistently at Italian territory, whenever and wherever we can. The R.A.F. has already nullified very considerably the preparations which the Italians had been making at their bases in East Africa and Eastern Libya."

Italy itself does not remain unscathed. Only last Thursday, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm swept down literally out of the blue on the aerodrome at Cagliari. We know for certain they destroyed four times the number of aircraft which they lost in the course of this operation without taking account of what may have been contained in the four hangars which were hit."

## R.A.F. Courage

"I gladly pay the Navy's tribute to the incomparable pilots of the Air Force, ever ready to soar into the air to meet and attack the enemy. In particular, the Navy has cause to be grateful to the crews of the handful of aircraft at Malta who, with unsurpassed resource, resolution and bravery have kept at bay the infinitely coming into service." British superior squadrons of bombers and wireless."

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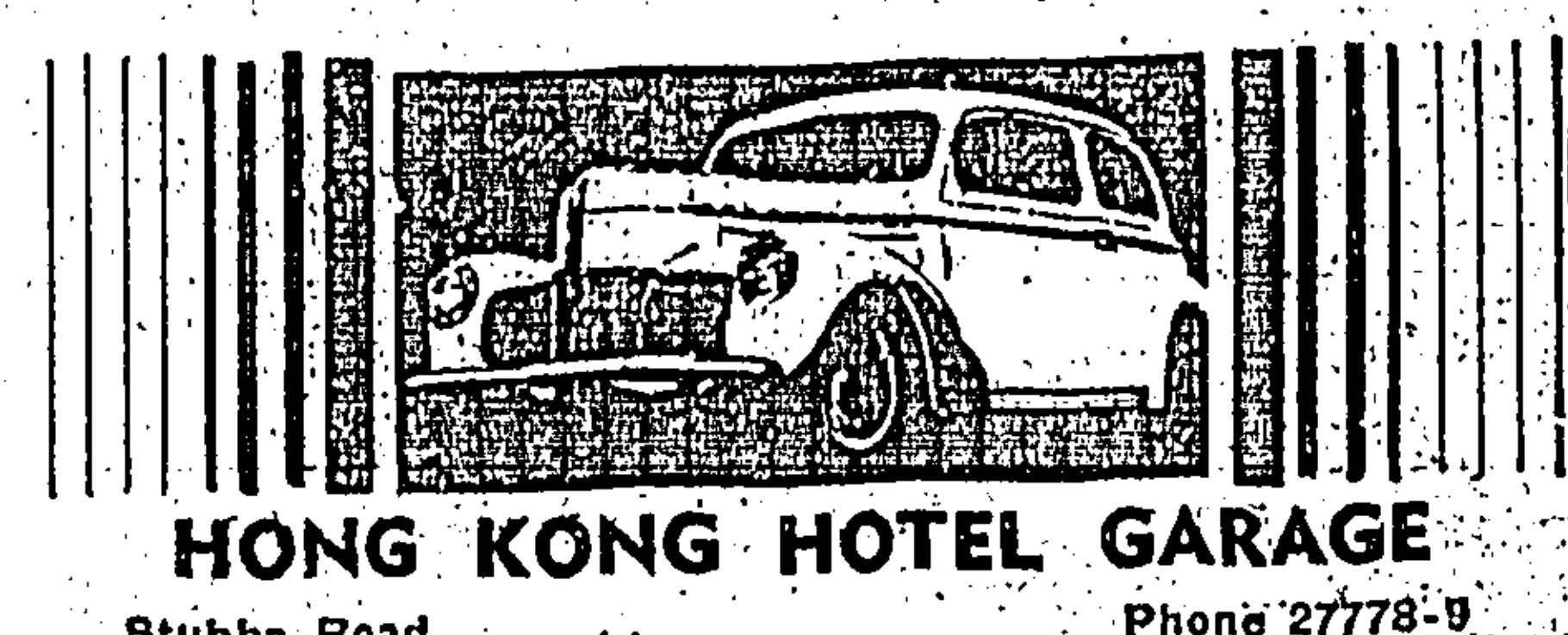
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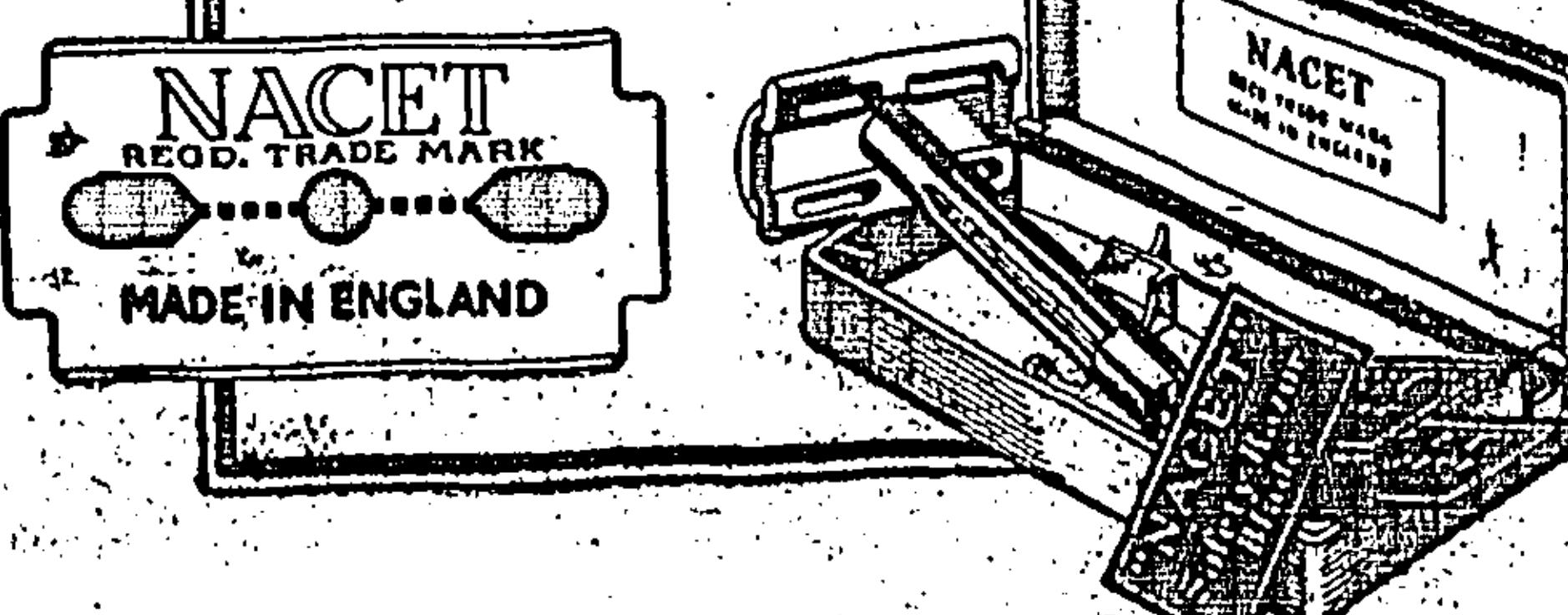
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[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

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The services will be held as a tribute to "the spirit of devotion and sacrifice of the populations of the French Colonial Empire," according to the announcement.

## RUMANIA'S POOR HARVEST

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] Rumania's wheat harvest will barely cover the country's own needs, and the Rumanian Government has already taken precautionary measures to cancel all export licences.

M. George Gafencu, former Foreign Minister, who was recently appointed Envoy to Moscow, has proceeded to the Soviet capital.

## SNATCHER CAUGHT

Charged with snatching a wrist watch from a Chinese woman in Second Street yesterday, Chiu Sik-foon, 22, was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, to ascertain whether he is fit for the cane. He was arrested by an Indian constable.

Fighters mustered in Sicily for the destruction of our naval base in the Central Mediterranean."

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South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♦ A K J 9 4

♥ 9 8

♦ 8 5 3

♦ 3 9 8

♦ 7 6 3 N ♦ Q 10 8  
♥ 7 5 W 5 2  
♦ Q J 10 9 E ♦ 10 4 3  
♦ 6 5 4 2 S ♦ 8 4  
♦ 10 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, South winning with the King. After some thought, Declarer decided to play for a 3-3 diamond break or for the ten of trumps to be with the long diamonds. He therefore cashed the diamond Ace and led a low diamond. West won and led a fourth diamond, and East over-ruffed dummy for the setting trick.

The charge is murder, ladies and gentlemen! But who is the criminal and how could the crime have been prevented? South is the murderer. He could have made the Slam despite the unfortunate breaks in the red suits. After winning the first trick, correct play is to lead a low trump! East would take the ten of trumps and return a diamond to South's Ace. But then Declarer could lead the remaining low trump to dummy's nine, and the high spades would furnish discards for the two losing diamonds. Giving up one trick to gain two is good business!

\* \* \*

Yesterday you were the dealer and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♦ A K 8

♥ K 7 6

♦ A Q J 4

♦ Q 9 5

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To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable you hold:

♦ 8 7 5 2

♥ J 8 4

♦ K 9 5

♦ J 6 3

The bidding:  
Jacoby Schenken You Barnstone  
1NT A Pass (?)  
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## HE WANTS PEERS HELD

Lord Marley said in the House of Lords that he was glad the Government had seen fit to put under lock and key temporarily a well-known person who he understood had been nominated as Gauleiter of England, and a member of the House of Commons who he understood was nominated as Gauleiter of Scotland.

Lord Marley continued: "There are one or two members of your Lordships' House who also should be similarly treated, notably those who have been so closely personally connected with Herr Hitler, either through their families or otherwise."

Lord Newton asked why the sale of the "Daily Worker" in Britain was not prohibited.

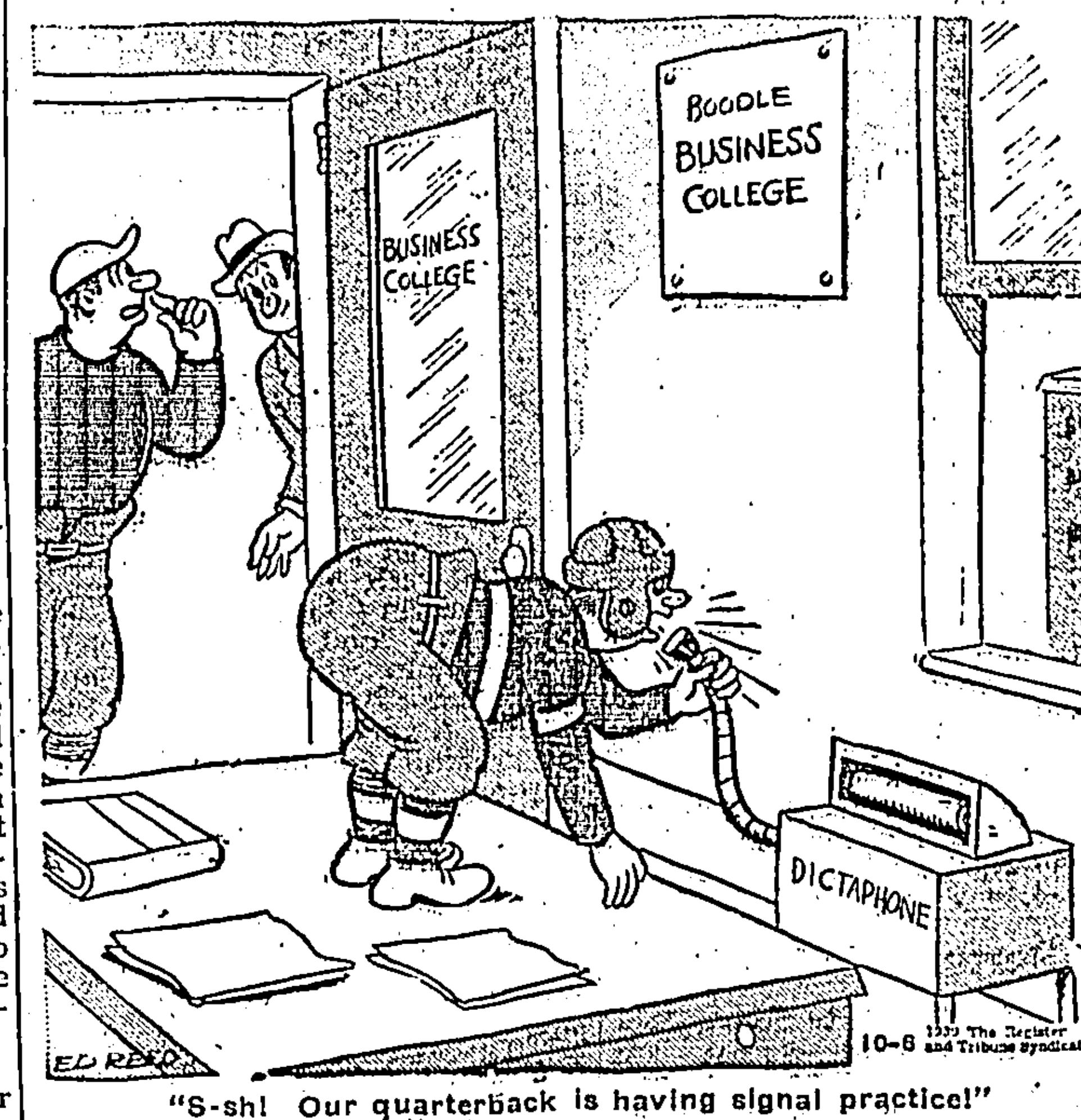
Lord Croft, Under-Secretary to the War Office, replied that this publication, with a number of others, was being kept under review with a view to considering whether action should be taken under Regulation 2D of the Defence Regulations.



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By ED REED.

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## Bringing Up Father



## A PAGE FOR WOMEN

# Exercise Proportions Figure

Would any woman be satisfied with a frock that was too long in front and too short in back, tight in the wrong places and loose where it should be tight, if she could have a perfectly contoured gown from a famous designer?

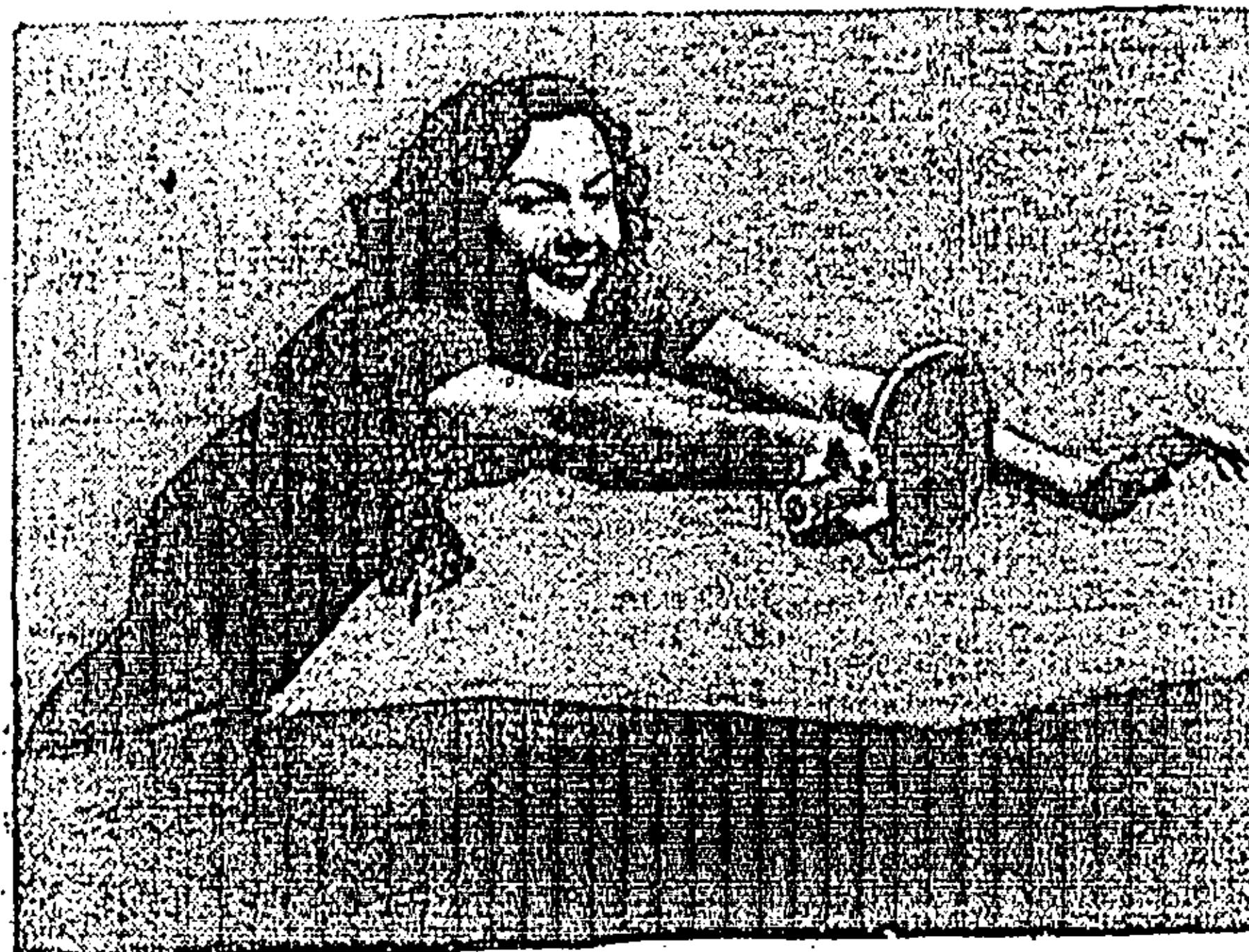
Certainly not! Yet when it comes to figure conditioning many women seem satisfied if the scales tell them they are of normal weight or below normal weight whether or not their figures are attractively proportioned.

Any one can lose weight through  $\frac{1}{4}$  dieting, starving off pounds and leaving skin loose in parts where too many pounds disappeared. Women who so reduce can call themselves slim, that is true, but they are quite lacking in figure glamour! They are pound wise and inch foolish, so to speak. They forget that figure appeal is attained not so much by dropping off pounds, as by properly redistributing existing weight. Frequently a woman above the normal weight can be most attractive if her figure is well proportioned and her muscles firm and her skin healthy looking.

### Tape Measure Vs. The Scales

Women must learn that the tape measure is a truer means of determining figure perfection than the scales.

A director of a slenderizing salon, Monty Maclevy, states the case this way. "Figure-consciousness is really more fundamental than clothes-consciousness, for an unattractive figure is more of a problem than an ill-fitting



Lynn Bari gets great delight and relaxation from a fast game of ping pong—which is an excellent means of peping up a sluggish body.

dress. A woman can put an unbecoming dress aside, or give it away, but she cannot hang her figure in the closet! Her figure goes with her wherever she goes!

Many women who seek to achieve figure appeal get off on the wrong track by dieting too strenuously. Diet alone cannot cure figure defects. Sensible eating habits involving moderation rather than deprivation will limit weight, but it fails to deal with specific figure problems. After a long regime of food deprivation a woman with heavy buttocks might end up with a slim waist and a flattened chest but her buttocks will still be too large in proportion to the rest of her figure."

### Limbering Movements First

You should begin with limbering movements and when your body becomes supple, you may concentrate on the specific areas which need correction. Your upper arms may be too fleshy, your hips too rounded. If such is the case you may devote five minutes a day on exercises which are designed to correct these figure faults, but you must limber your body first.

I believe so strongly in corrective exercises for creating health as well as beauty of figure and face, that I cannot urge girls and women too strongly to get busy and adopt specific exercise programmes and to be loyal to them. So much pleasure is within our grasp if we are physically and mentally fit that it seems worthwhile to devote some time each day or week to perfecting our bodies. Am I not right?

## Engaging Personality

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Parents should recognize the danger of forced feeding, painful enemas and appliances to prevent thumb sucking.

It is harmful to "break" children from a habit or into forming a habit. When a child is "broken" his initiative, originality and feelings become suppressed.

### Vegetable Casserole

(Serves Six)

One cup cooked carrots, sliced Julienne; 1 cup cooked green beans, sliced Julienne; 1 cup cooked fresh or whole kernel canned corn, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 teaspoon scraped onion, 2 tablespoons flour, 2 cups milk, 1/4 cup grated American cheese, salt, pepper and paprika to taste.

Cook vegetables until barely tender. Prepare as directed. Make cream sauce. Add the scraped onion and seasonings. In bottom of greased casserole, arrange layer of carrots, then a layer of cream sauce, then beans, more cream sauce, then corn sprinkled with parsley, and lastly, cream sauce. Sprinkle grated cheese over top. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg F.) for about 25 minutes, until slightly browned.

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast, and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.—Norah Blaney and Gwen Farrar; Carroll Gibbons; The Andrews Sisters; Al and Bob Harvey.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Billy Mayerl—Aquarium Suite.

7.15 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—D'Erlanger—The Hundred Kisses—Suite. London Philharmonic Orchestra.

8.20 p.m.—Violin Solos.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

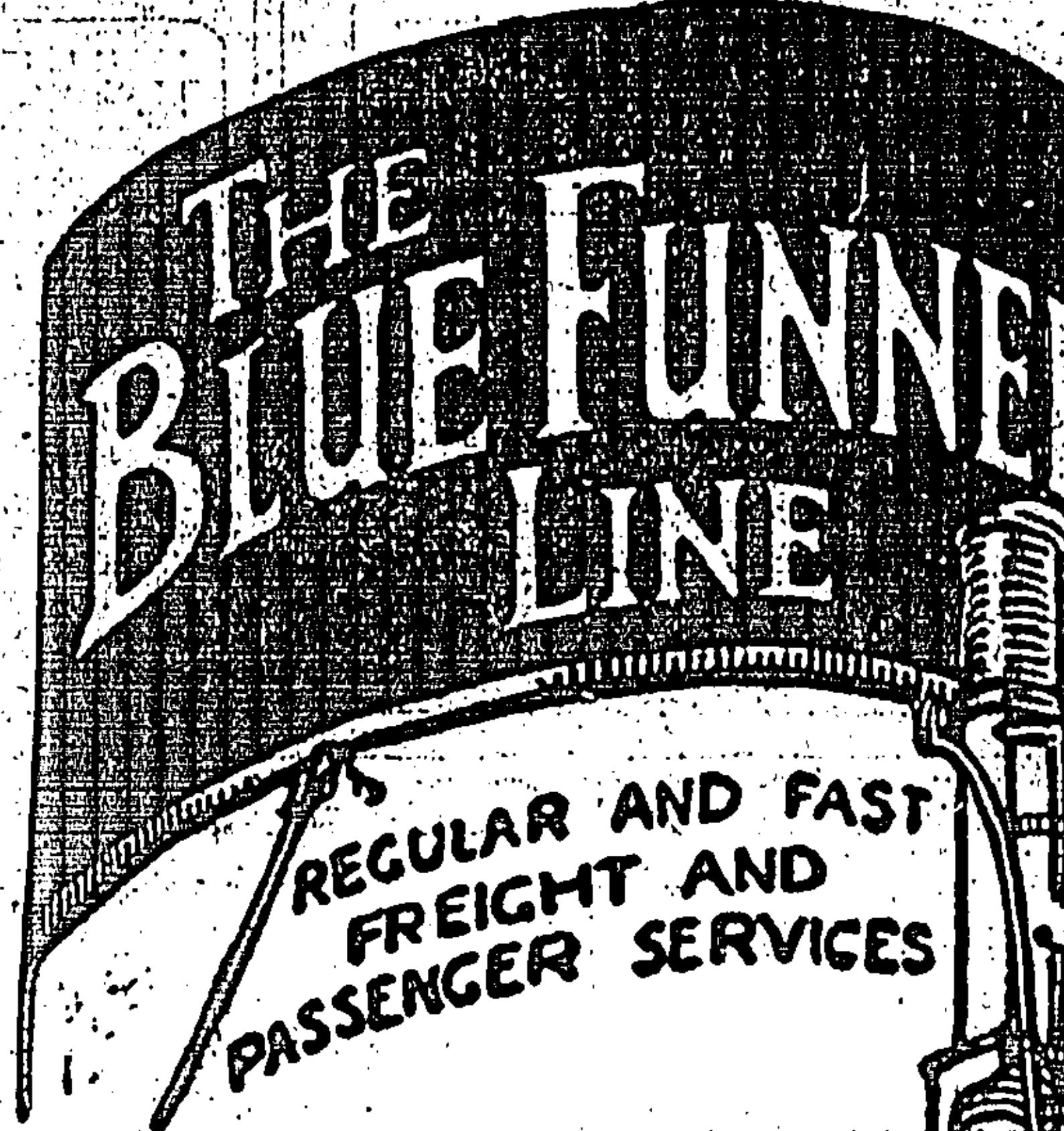
8.50 p.m.—Songs by Raymond Newell (Baritone).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

9.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance".

10.15 p.m.—A Variety Programme.—"Hutch" & His Charm Music; Hilda Gabor; Turner Layton; Stanley Holloway; Leyton & Johnstone; Hale Da Costa; Serge Krotkoff & His Hallians.

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## BRITISH GUARANTEE TO EGYPT

Mr. Butler made the following statement in the Commons at question-time:—

"Anxiety for some time has been growing in Egypt regarding the disposal of the 1940 cotton crop, the picking of which is about to begin."

Owing to the great reduction in demand due to war conditions and to the difficulties of export, the danger was imminent that the bulk of the crop would be left unsold in the hands of the cultivators.

The Government of Egypt represented to Britain that the financial resources at their disposal did not admit of their dealing with the problem without assistance.

Such is the dependence of Egypt on the sale of her cotton that failure to lift the crop would be an economic disaster of the first magnitude and, in particular, would deprive millions of small cultivators of means of subsistence.

The British Government have, accordingly, decided to respond to this appeal from our Ally by setting up a Commission to purchase the cotton, on which the Egyptian Government is being asked to nominate a representative and which would be prepared to purchase before April 30th 1941, all lint cotton derived from the 1940 Egyptian crop or as much as is offered them and all mercantile cotton seed — as distinct from sowing seed.

### Profit And Loss

As the result of discussions between the two Governments, it is agreed that such purchases will be at the price of Dollars 14.25 per cantar for F. G. F. Ashmouni, and Dollars 15.25 for F. G. F. Giza, and cotton seed at the price of 65 piastres per ardeb.

Britain will bear the whole of any net loss which may arise from this transaction as a whole but will nevertheless share squarely with the Egyptian Government any net profits which may accrue therefrom on the understanding that such profits as may be returned to the Egyptian Government under this arrangement.



On Manoeuvres. — A British cruiser tank swings into action. (Copyright, Fox).

## VILLAGE ROBBERY

Discharged from hospital yesterday, Wong Kam-yan, 34, was accused before Mr. E. Himsorth that at Kowloon this morning of assaulting Shing Muk with intent to rob in Nga Tsin Wai Village on July 31; and, with possession of two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition without a licence, Wong Kam-yan was charged with four others, Ku Ming, 25, Ko Kin, 33, Tsang Hong, 27, and Wong Wing-wai, 27.

Ku Ming was additionally charged with escaping from the Argyle Street Internees' Camp on July 3. The case was adjourned.

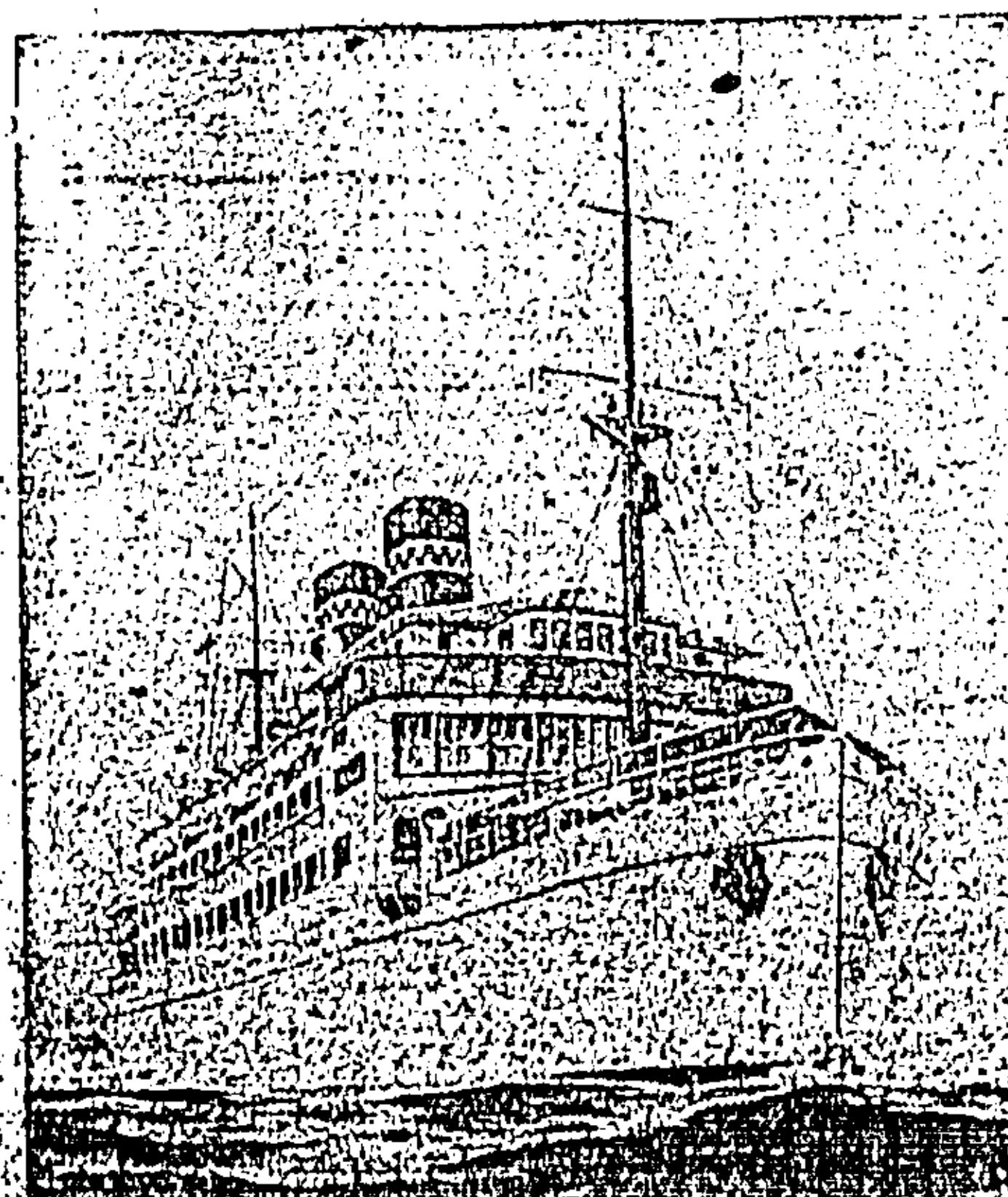
### GARDEN GATES PURLOINED

Two iron gates were stolen from the garden of No. 3, Kent Road, residence of Mr. Bander, yesterday.

A cargo-canvasser, Mak Kwong-ki, 38, charged with fraudulently converting 48 cases of matches to his own benefit was remanded for 48 hours by Mr. E. Himsorth this morning. The case will be used by that Government for the relief of the cultivators in a manner to be agreed on between the two Governments.—British Wireless.

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## CHINESE A.A. HOLD GALA IN THE RAIN

Although it was raining hard yesterday evening, Chinese Athletic Association held their second swimming gala of the season at North Point.

The results were as follows:—

Men's 100 metres Free-style:—1. Ho Siu-lam; 2. Sze Lee-wah; 3. Cheung Wing-tak. Time: 1 min. 10 secs.

Ladies' 200 metres Breast-stroke:—1. Miss Lau Wun-tho; 2. Miss Chiu Shui-nor; 3. Miss Choi Chung. Time: 3 min. 40 secs.

Junior Training Class 50 metres Free-style:—1. Chau Kong-hon; 2. Mak Wal-hung; 3. Lau Kul-yuen. Time: 35 secs.

Men's 100 metres Back-stroke:—1. Ho Siu-lam; 2. Lau Kun-shing; 3. Sze Lee-wah. Time: 1 min. 25 secs.

Ladies' 100 metres Relay Race:—1. Misses Lau Wun-tao and Ng Chin-tao; 2. Misses Chiu Shui-nor and Lau King-yu; 3. Misses Choi Chung and Lau Kun-shing.

Throwing Water-polo ball:—1. Tung Hon-fai; 2. Ho Siu-lam; and 3. Shek Chi-kong.

Horse Back Race:—1. Wong Tam-ching and Lau Kul-yuen; 2. Shek Chi-kong and Kan Man-shing.

Ladies' 50 metres Lantern Race:—1. Miss Choi Chung; 2. Chiu Shui-nor; 3. Miss Young Wal-bun.

Men's 50 metres Blind-fold Race:—1. Cheng Tong-ling; 2. Mak Wal-hung; 3. Cheung Wing-tak.

A water polo match was played at the conclusion of the sports, when the "Wah" team beat the "Chung" team by three goals to two.

## STAGE A SHE-MOZZLE

A fight between two Chinese women in front of the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf at 5.30 p.m. yesterday was described before Mr. E. Himsorth this morning when Ho Ying, 26, and Li Wan-ho, 24, married women, were charged with disorderly conduct.

Ho Ying failed to appear and her bail of \$10 was estreated. Li Wan-ho was bound over for one year.

Inspector Johnson said that the women, disembarking from the ferry, accused each other of having lovers. They started fighting using their fists and pulling each other's hair.

An Indian constable arrested both.

## SIX MONTHS FOR A HOUSE-BREAKER

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# Golf The Next Game To Be Played At Night

**"CERTAIN TO COME BUT AT LEAST THREE YEARS AWAY"**

WHY NOT NIGHT golf? The question arose at the Inverness Invitational Four-Ball in Toledo recently, when it was reported that a nine-hole course is being operated for nocturnal play in South Africa, writes Jerry Brondfield.

Players, tournament officials and manufacturers express enthusiasm, but the consensus is the cost would be too high.

"Night golf is certain to come, but it's at least three years away," says Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of the Professional Golfers' Association. "But don't forget night baseball was nothing more than an idea at the start."

"Thousands of golfers find themselves tied up during the day. Night golf would be much cooler, too. The biggest golfing months are July and August, when the sun bakes everything during the day."

### Demaret Casts Negative Vote

Jimmy Demaret, Masters' and Western Open champion, speaks with some experience, night golf having been tried to some extent in Houston, where the winter phenomenon holds forth.

Demaret is not enthused.

"Bugs, including mosquitoes, are attracted by lights," he points out. "They eat you alive."

"A round can't be started until about 8:30 o'clock or later, and it takes so long to play one players are kept up too late."

That's the complaint of baseball players by the way. They are thrown off in their meals and sleep.

Corcoran stresses the boom in night driving ranges, however, and asserts the bug problem isn't so noticeable.

Ranges are doing a big business, and Corcoran insists that's one indication night golf is on the way.

"More than 5,000 turned out at a night range in New Orleans to see Sam Snead and Jimmy Thompson in a slugging match," says the P. G. A. director.

### Experiment With Lighting Systems

Engineers are experimenting in an effort to bring down the cost of installing lighting systems on courses to a workable figure.

The experiment has been tried at pitch-and-putt layouts in Kansas City, Wilmette, Ill., and other places, but usually ends in financial disaster.

There are only four hours of darkness at most unless players want to go into a midnight tournament, and many golfers have to be accommodated to make lighted courses pay.

But night golf would be more than a novelty. It would be a contribution to comfort and convenience.

Electrical companies are experimenting with portable lighting systems on rollers which could be wheeled to wherever they were needed. This might be the answer.

## TO-DAY'S BOWLS

The following is to-day's Lawn Bowls Open Pairs' Championship programme:

### At K.D.R.C.

A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan v R. P. Phillips and J. E. Henson; L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro v V. Chittenden and W. V. Field.

### At K.B.G.C.

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro v J. Fraser and E. C. Fincher.

## TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The following is to-day's "D" Division League tennis programme:

### S.C.A.A.

### C.R.C. "A"

### K.I.T.C.

### Philippines Club

### Concentrates Eight Hours At A Stretch

Walter Hagen says Little is the first golfer he ever saw who could concentrate eight hours at a stretch.

Because of his screeching drives of 300 yards and more, Little is

## SING TAO BEAT ALL-PENANG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The touring Sing Tao football team met with another success on Tuesday, when they beat All-Penang 3-0. Kwok Ying-kee scored two goals. The other one, from a penalty, was netted by Lai Shiu-wing. (Copyright by "Sing Tao Jih Pao.")

## CHAMPIONS THROUGH

A. M. and U. M. Omar, 1937 champions, entered the fourth round, on the pairs bowls championship at Kowloon Football Club yesterday when they beat C. E. Marques and B. Basto 27-8. The last two heads was not played because of the rain.

At Taiyoo A. W. Grimmitt and F. J. Jones beat J. McCutcheon and C. Gowland 25-17.

At Recreio Simmonds and Goodwin beat Levett and Duncan 26-15.

## BOWLS TEAMS

The following League lawn bowls teams have been selected for Saturday:

### H.K.F.C.

First Division (v K.C.C., away):—A. Brookbank, B. I. Blackford, D. W. Phillips and H. G. Wallington (skip); A. Watson, C. Needham, L. Lammert and K. S. Robertson (skip); A. B. Didsbury, A. W. Hodges, W. Gill and G. Duncan (skip).

Third Division (v P.O.C., away):—F. P. Anslow, F. Flippance, B. A. Mansell and G. S. Graver (skip); H. H. Beddoe, C. G. Sollis, E. L. Strange and G. E. Stephens (skip); A. G. Graton, S. H. Strange, R. R. Wood and J. Watson (skip).

### I.R.C.

First Division (v Club de Recreio "B", away):—D. M. Khan, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (skip); J. Hooson, A. K. Suffield, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (skip); A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dulah (skip).

Third Division (v Kowloon F.C. home):—A. S. Suffield, M. Hassan, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (skip); J. M. A. Rumjahn, M. P. Madar, A. G. Suffield and A. Bakar (skip); M. B. Hassan, S. A. R. Bux, U. A. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn (skip).

### H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v H.K.C.C., home):—A. G. Gardner, R. A. Ovens, H. S. McKay and A. F. Paul (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, V. Sorby, S. Deacon and J. K. Sloan (skip); W. Stoker, R. C. Butler, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Thomson (skip). Reserve:—C. E. Gaughan.

### K.B.G.C.

First Division (v Craigengower Away)—R. P. Phillips, H. White, L. Guy and A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Dogon, C. Wallis, J. C. Gill and J. G. Meyer (skip); W. L. Walker, H. C. Spang, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C. Home)—E. F. Pope, V. C. Dixon, F. A. Cheesman and R. Duncan (skip); L. Sykes, E. Levett, D. W. Waterton and H. Lockhart (skip); A. Morton, E. A. Atkins, A. Bower and H. E. Drew (skip).

PUI YING COLLEGE

## PUI YING SECURE THE TITLE

By "Sportshawk"

The Championship of "B" Division of the Colony Chinese Basketball League went to Pui Ying College following their decisive victory in the play-off with St. Paul's College, the strongest challengers in this Division, last night at Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. before a capacity crowd.

The champions won by 41 points to 37, after leading by the odd point in 33 at the end of the first half.

The victory, though decisive, was a narrow one and was only decided in the last three minutes, when Mak Hau-yuen, playing at left-wing for the champions, by scoring two splendid goals, gave his side the lead, while Yau Hong-shui, at guard for the same side, added a further good goal to register a 41-point score against St. Paul's College's 35 just before the final bell.

St. Paul's Boys drew first blood, but were caught soon after by the champions, who maintained their steady form thereafter and scored consistently, though closely pressed by the eventual runners-up. Score at end of the first period was 17-16.

### Increase Lead

The champions increased their lead to 25 points against 20 on the resumption but, at 35, the scores were again level.

However, Mak Hau-yuen, with a powerful shot, took the scores to 37-35, and the same player added a further clean shot to increase the lead to 39-35, while Yau Hong-shui netted the last goal just before the final bell to decide the issue.

For the champions, Mak Hau-yuen played a brilliant all-round game, in the attack, in which he was fully supported by Wong Sheung-ying and Tang Shiu-hee, while Yau Hong-shui held his own very well in defence apart from distributing well.

The runners-up were best served by Lui Kim-fung and Wong Yau-man in the attack and Chan Haw-hee and Lee Ming in the defence.

### Foul No. of Goals Goals Fouls

	Foul No. of Goals	Goals	Fouls
Mak Hau-yuen	7	1	2
Wong Sheung-ying	3	1	3
Luk Sze-hong	0	0	0
Tang Shiu-hee	3	2	0
Yau Hong-shui	4	2	4
Luk Sze-hung	0	0	0
Chan Yuk-kwan	0	1	3
Total Points	41		

### ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE

	Foul No. of Goals	Goals	Fouls
Chan Haw-kuen	0	2	2
Lui Kim-fung	4	3	3
Wong Yau-man	3	0	2
Yuen Shui-fai	0	0	2
Chan Haw-hee	5	1	2
Lee Ming	3	1	0
Total Points	37		

### Taikoo Beaten

In their postponed match in the same Division of the League, Nam Sheung Club defeated a team from Taikoo Docks Recreation Club for Chinese by 59 points to 38 after leading at the interval by 29-20.

All the players in this contest registered their points through field goals, with the exception of three foul goals, which is rather an unusual feature of basketball play.

### NAM SHEUNG CLUB

	Foul No. of Goals	Goals	Fouls
Yuen Pui	5	0	1
Fong Yuk-kok	4	1	1
Kwan Yuk-yau	6	0	1
Chui Yuk-cheung	8	0	1
Choi Ho	6	0	0
Total Points	59		

### TAIKOO CLUB

	Foul No. of Goals	Goals	Fouls
Wong Yik-man	0	0	0
Loo Kai-yul	6	0	2
Yau Kam-fai	7	0	2
Chu Fook-yuen	1	0	0
Young Kwan-yau	0	0	0
Ng Yau-kuen	6	0	0
Total Points	38		

### Gala Postponed

The swimming gala which was to have been held by the Chung Sing Benevolent Society at Kennedy Town last night was postponed owing to rain. It will be held on August 15.

# Kiefer Breaks Three Back-Stroke Records In One Race

## LOWERS MARKS SET BY HIMSELF

ADOLPH KIEFER OF Chicago rewrote the record book for back-stroke swimming at Santa Barbara, California, last month.

Performing for the Towers Club of Chicago, the big lad was credited with breaking almost every back-stroke mark in the book in a sensational burst of speed that capped another brilliant exhibition in the men's national A. A. U. outdoor swimming and diving championships.

Kiefer captured the 110-yard 1:04.8, set in Detroit in 1936. All back-stroke race as expected, and here's what he did: His time for 110 yards was 1 minute 5.5 seconds. His time for 100 yards was 58.1 seconds. His time for 100 meters was 1:04.7.

### The Former Records

A hasty search of the A.A.U. records disclosed:

Kiefer established the old 110-yard record—a new distance in A. A. U. competition. His time was 1:05.6. Kiefer held the former 100-yard record of 58.8 seconds, set in Columbus, Ohio, in 1939. He held the 100-meter record of

### REFLECTIONS AT HARROW

It being as good a way as any I could think of, of focusing on something a million miles away from war, I dropped in to watch Winchester at Harrow, writes a Home correspondent.

It was in the corresponding game of 1917 that D. R. Jardine first came into the cricket news, and I saw the whole of the century an old hand likened to Tom Hayward batting against Surrey colts.

During an interval I looked once again at the "Toddlers" Dowson memorial. On the bench a plaque records that it was presented by surviving members of the five elevens in which E. M. Dowson played for Harrow in 1895 to 1899.

The greatest of Harrovian left-handers won the hearts of the whole pavilion when in his first match against Eton as a child of 15, standing about 5ft. 2in., he bowled over fifty overs in an innings.

### Rockley Wilson

It was good to see at Harrow the Yorkshire and England cricketeer Rockley Wilson. He had retired from his mastership at Winchester, but returned on the outbreak of war to pull his weight as usual.

The steadiness of Winchester's bowling, of whom slow left D. A. A. Gray was the best, was his reward. That Wilson has not quite given up cricket was shown by his bandaged right wrist, a result of somebody having had the audacity to hit one back at him so quickly that he couldn't get out of the way.

I suppose no cricketer has had a more curious career. He got his Cambridge Blue when, playing as a substitute, he scored a century against the University.

### Test Trip

From 1899 to 1902 he scored a lot of runs and took many wickets for the Varsity.

For the next ten years he played no first-class cricket.

Subsequently he turned out for Yorkshire, mainly during the holidays, but that was good enough to get him a Test trip to Australia in 1920 when he was 42.

And thereby hangs a tale. For he got the full blast from the boys on the hill at Sydney because he had accused the crowd of jeering Hobbs.

If Winchester had had a stronger tall their captain, H. A. Pawson, son of a former Oxford wicket-keeper, would have repeated his last year's performance when he got 100 against Harrow at Winchester. His method with his right hand close to the splice is sound and his blade very straight. He crouches like Jessop and makes his strokes and runs very like Ian P. S. Campbell.

or 53-yard route.

The long course record was set by Kiefer at Coral Gables, Fla., in 1935. It was 1:05.9 for 100 meters.

### New Records

Thus Kiefer, long the world's greatest back-stroke swimmer, hung up new records for Kiefer to break.

The 200-pound artist was not the only record-breaker. The four-man team of the Island of Maui, Hawaii, won the 880-yard free-style relay in 9:17.8. Three years ago the Lake Shore Athletic Club team set the old American record 9:20.

The quartet, boasting two brothers newly crowned as A.A.U. champions, moved the Hawaiians nearer the hope for team championship.

### Come-Back

Kiyoshi Nakama of Maui's Alexander Community House, de-throned two days ago as the 220-

yard champion, came back and took the 440-yard free-style in 4:50.4. He was an easy winner over Paul Herron of Los Angeles and the third-place finisher, Henry Paris of San Francisco. Ralph Flanagan won the title in 1939 but did not compete this year.

Defending Champion Jim Skinner of Detroit, University of Michigan star, had little trouble retaining his 220-yard breast-stroke championship, but failed to break a record. He was timed at 2:48.8.

### Water-Polo

European Y.M.C.A. beat South China 5-2 in a scrappy water-polo game at the Y.M.C. last night.

Goalscorers for Y.M.C.A. were: G. H. Fowler, G. T. May, E. W. Railton, R. Dodd, L. H. Chater, while Lionel Lo and Henry de Sa scored for South China.

## HUEBNER AGAIN!

A lot of credit should go Al Huebner's way for his performance for Shanghai Amateurs against First Battalion, the Shanghai League champions, over the week-end, says the "China Press." Huebner kept the First Battalion batters in a baffled state of mind throughout. His cross-fire shots had the corners most of the time and Umpire Morang gave him the benefit of the doubt. The Marines managed to garner only four hits off him. How he did it will remain a mystery. Only last week, every baseball writer told the fans that Huebner was nursing a sore arm.



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# NAZI AIR FORCE KEPT ON THE HOP

On Tuesday night, a small force of heavy bombers continued to harass the enemy's strategic air bases in many parts of Holland and North-West Germany.

At Gilze Rijen, a military aerodrome in South Holland, enemy aircraft were caught on the flare path along which a stick of bombs was seen to burst while a further salvo set light to the hangar.

At Eindhoven, another raider interrupted enemy night flying by causing all aerodrome lights to be extinguished. Three aircraft hastily took off but the raider, before disappearing in the clouds, dropped bombs and several fires broke out.

At Venlo, a military aerodrome near the Dutch frontier, it is thought that the lighting plant was hit for a vivid flash preceded the extinction of all lights.

Other Dutch bases bombed included those at Ypenburg, south of The Hague, Schiphol, near Amsterdam, Soesterberg, near Utrecht, and an aerodrome on the island of Texel where an attack by a Messerschmitt 110 with cannon, and machine-gun fire was successfully repulsed.

## Fires Started

In Germany, aerodrome buildings at Gladbachrheydt, near Dusseldorf, were damaged, and at Krefeld aerodrome, a few miles to the north-east, several fires were started.

Again thick haze and low cloud hid most of the primary targets. Two aircraft however, located the oil plant at Homberg and flying through intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, succeeded in starting British Wireless.

# RUMANIA BEGINS BUDAPEST TALKS: CONFIDENCE LOW

## FRENCH RAILWAYS RESTART

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
PAVING THE WAY TO A DEFINITE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES AND THE REGULAR TRANSPORT OF COMMODITIES AND FOOD, FRENCH RAILWAYMEN HAVE RETURNED TO WORK AND THE FRENCH RAILWAY SYSTEM IS BEING QUICKLY RESTORED TO NORMAL, ACCORDING TO A SEMI-OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM VICHY.

The Petain Ministry of Agriculture states that fruits, wines and vegetables may now be sent without any restrictions to any place in both the occupied and unoccupied areas. Other food-stuffs and agricultural produce are, for the time being, restricted to transport within the unoccupied region.

Finally, express freight trains are now in daily service, assuring the rapid transport of perishable goods to the Paris area.—Havas.

five large fires.

At Reisholz, near Dusseldorf, bombs were also dropped on a refinery which had been damaged in previous raids.

Another aircraft, unable to find its main objective, attacked and set on fire an arms factory near Mors, west of Essen.

Five miles west of Hamborn, near Duisburg, anti-aircraft batteries were silenced by bombs.—British Wireless.

ACCORDING TO A Budapest despatch to the official German News Agency in Berlin, M. Bossy, the Rumanian Ambassador to Rome, has been sent to Hungary as a Special Envoy to begin preliminary talks with the Hungarian Government.

M. Bossy is expected to have immediate talks with the Hungarian Prime Minister, Count Teleki, and Foreign Minister, Count Csaky.

Despite the high hopes entertained by Hungary after Hitler's talk with the Rumanian ministers at Berchtesgaden, many people in Budapest, says Reuter's correspondent there, have little faith in the result of the negotiations which are expected to move slowly on an indecisive end.

## Nazi Efforts

It is noteworthy that the Germans in Budapest are exceedingly busy, trying to damp down revisionist enthusiasm, suggesting for example that part or even the whole of Slovakia be offered to Hungary as compensation for the smallness of the concessions to be obtained over Transylvania.

The possibility of open Hungarian-Rumanian hostilities is not at present seriously discussed in Budapest although mobilisation is now almost complete.—Reuter.

## "Very Reserved"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
M. Raoul Bossi, Rumanian Minister to Rome (who has been appointed special negotiator with the Hungarian Government), arrived in Budapest yesterday afternoon and conferred with M. Teleki, the Hungarian Foreign Minister.

Official quarters are very reserved when questioned on the subject of the parleys. Hungary's claims on Rumania, however, are said to be calling for a "prompt solution."—Havas.

# AN EAST OF SUEZ PROJECT

A CONFERENCE OF ALL BRITISH COUNTRIES EAST OF SUEZ MAY BE HELD IN DELHI IN OCTOBER, IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

The Viceroy of India is understood to be inviting Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the East African colonies, Malaya, Ceylon and India itself to take part.

The object of the conference is reported to be to extend present arrangements for co-ordinating essential war production and supplies.

The East African Economic Council, which has just been formed, will carry out work for the conference so far as the East African colonies are concerned.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

## STUBBS ROAD LANDSLIDE TO BE BRIDGED

The possibility of a light, temporary bridge being built across the landslide which has breached Stubbs Road, above Magazine Gap, is now being explored by the Public Works Department, the "China Mail" learned officially this morning.

It is possible that this bridge will take the form of a suspension bridge, but no decision has yet been reached in this particular regard.

A survey of the possibilities is being carried out as rapidly as possible, and as soon as the best type of bridge for the project is decided on, work will start immediately.

At the moment, the road is closed by the landslide to motor-cars and it is understood that the bridge, though a temporary one, will be built to take light vehicular traffic.

Interviewed by the "China Mail" this morning, a high official of the Public Works Department said he was unable to state exactly what type of bridge would actually be built. A survey of foundations, and so on, is now being carried out, and the type of bridge will depend on the findings.

"But a bridge for light vehicular traffic will be built as soon as possible," he said.

At the moment, Peak residents may go as far as the landslide by car, and then walk.

## PLANNING AHEAD

THE BRITISH PURCHASING COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON HAS INFORMED MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PLACE LARGE ORDERS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR TANKS, FIELD ARTILLERY AND MANY OTHER SUPPLIES NOT PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED IN AMERICA.

This was revealed yesterday by the head of the British Commission in an interview. Mr. Purvis said that these orders involving hundreds of millions of dollars were for materials to be delivered a considerable time in the future. He indicated that previous purchases had been made to a large extent on the basis of immediate needs, but the new programme would be for anticipated future needs.—Reuter.

## NOW AN EMBASSY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
The Portuguese Legation to the Vatican City has been promoted to the rank of an Embassy, in accordance with the Concordat signed recently.—Havas.

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